✢ Last Sunday of the Church Year ✢
November 22, 2026
8:15 & 10:45 AM



Gathering People to Christ,
Building Believers in Christ,
Serving the World as Christ

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . . .

The word "Sacrament" means that God is at work here. A Sacrament is an act of God, not just a pious ritual of the Church. What God does here is present us with the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, "in, with, and under" the bread and wine. It is more than just a reminder or a symbol of Christ. It is Christ. And so the proper approach is one of repentance for sin, and trust in God's promise. "He is truly worthy who has faith in the words: Given and shed for you," as Dr. Luther often said. We ask those who have never communed with us to please speak with the pastor before doing so. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Welcome: The end of the Church Year is filled with both mystery and revelation. We do not know when the Last Day will be, nor when Jesus will return. The Last Sunday of the Church Year turns our attention to what we do know. We know that the Lord Himself will search for His sheep and will rescue them (Ezekiel 34:11–12). We know that Christ has been raised from the dead and that all things will be put in subjection under Him (1 Corinthians 15:20, 27). We know that Jesus will sit on His glorious throne and welcome His sheep into His kingdom (Matthew 25:31, 34). We know that death, the final enemy, will be destroyed (1 Corinthians 15:26). We know that all will be made alive in Christ (1 Corinthians 15:22). We know that the Lord is a great God and a loving King (Psalm 95:3)!

Assisted Listening Devices: are available for those who have trouble hearing the service. Please see an usher to use one.

Communication Cards: Please fill out the bright yellow communication cards located by the bulletins as you enter. If you are a visitor or your address has changed, please include that in the space provided. Prayer requests for next week may be written on the back.

Communion Procedure: Then, ushers will release one side at a time from the middle. The pulpit side will fill in the front starting at the side closest to the street and fill in all the way to the other wall. The lectern side does the same in reverse—start from the wall closest to the lectern and fill in the entire way across to the other wall. Grape juice is in the outer ring and is lighter in color than the wine. The wine is darker in color. After communing, return to your seat via the side aisle. The entire congregation will be dismissed after all have communed. There are baskets for the used communion cups hanging on the outside edge of the first pew. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, alert an usher and the Pastor will bring communion to you.

Cushions are available for those who may need them; ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Welcomes Your Child: The church nursery is available during both Sunday worship services and Sunday school for preschool age children and younger. The nursery is staffed with a professional Nanny. It is located to the right as you enter the building, just past the coat room.

Prayer Requests: Please use the pink sheets to request prayers to be read during the service. Place in the offering plate.

Quiet Room: The Luther Room (located at the end of the hall to the left as you enter the building) is available for use as a "quiet room." It is equipped with comfortable chairs and a TV that shows the service.

Members and Visitors: Please take a moment to fill out the bright yellow Guest & Member Communication Cards and place it in the offering plate during the Offering time. Thank You.

Prelude **"Once to Every Man and Nation"** **arr. Mark Hayes**

Stand

Hymn **"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"** **LSB 515, sts. 1–4**

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

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Memory Verse — 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

C **[21] For as by a man came _____, by a man has come also the _____ of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all _____, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Confession and Absolution — LSB 203

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
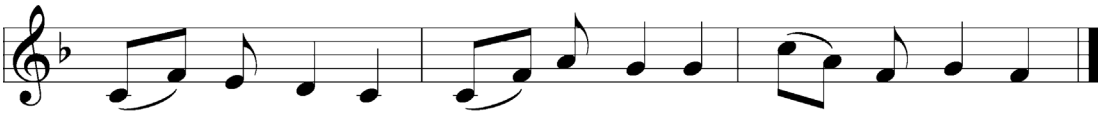
P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie LSB 204



C **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

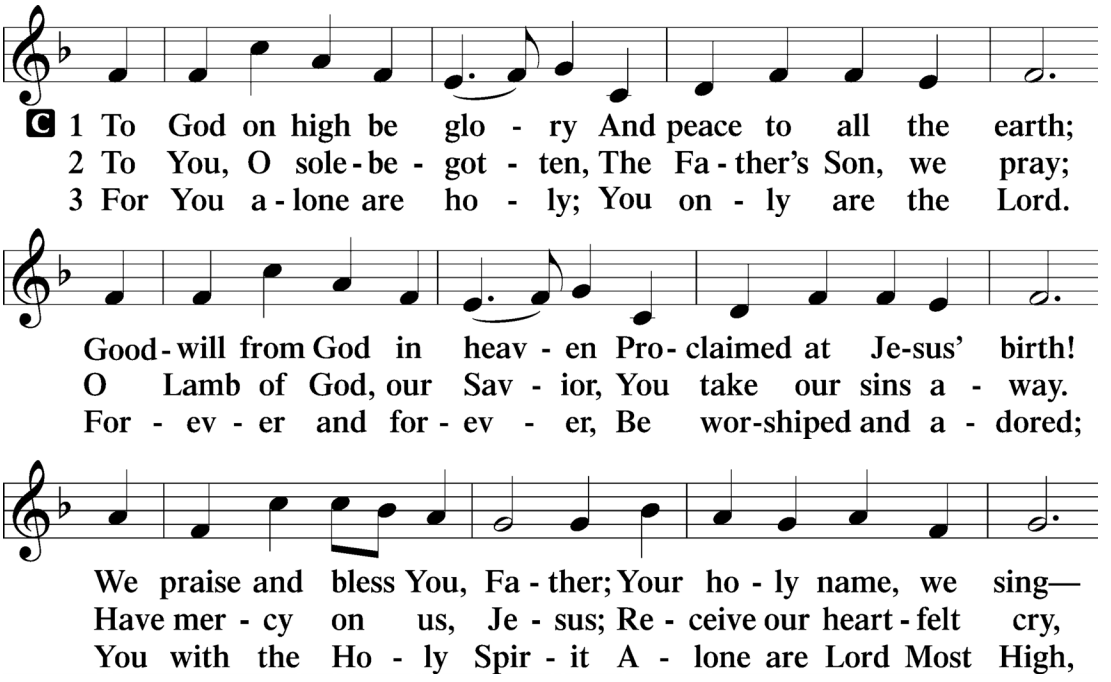
P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**
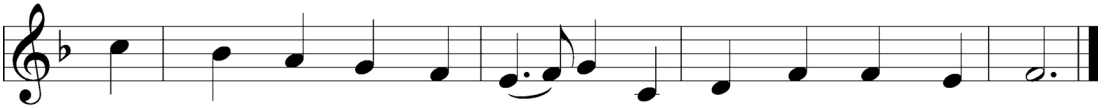
Hymn of Praise "Gloria in Excelsis" LSB 204



C **1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;**
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

[11]"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. [12]As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13]And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. [14]I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. [15]I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. [16]I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .
[20]"Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21]Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, [22]I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. [23]And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24]And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken."

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

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

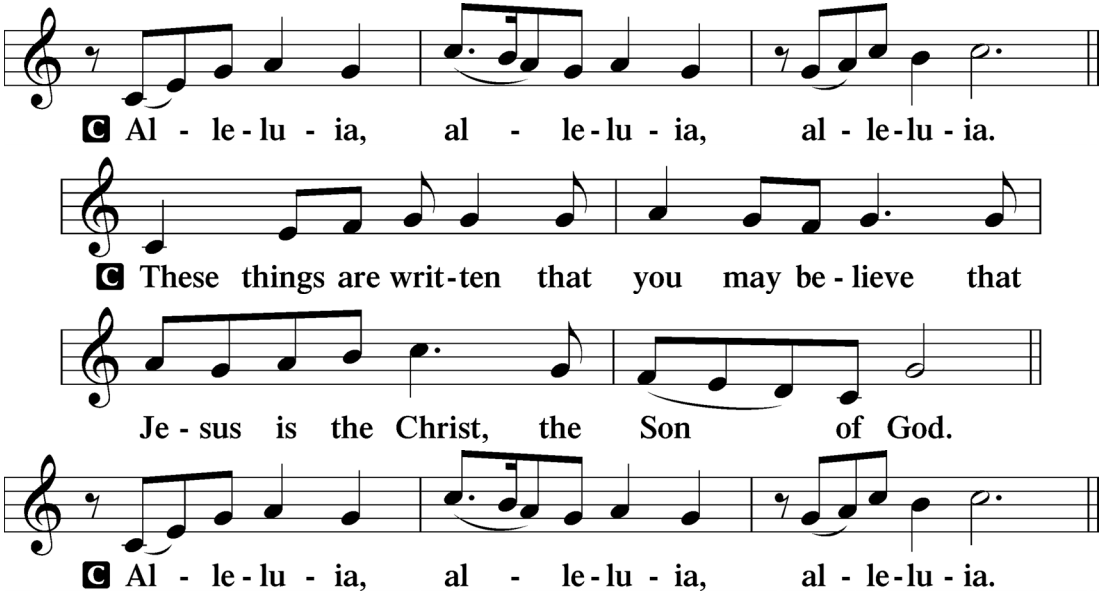
[20]But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21]For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22]For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23]But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then

at His coming those who belong to Christ. [24]Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25]For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. [26]The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27]For "God has put all things in subjection under His feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. [28]When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (8:15) LSB 205



Choir Anthem (10:45) "My Lord, What a Morning" arr. Robert Benson

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[31][Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. [32]Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. [33]And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. [34]Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom

prepared for you from the foundation
of the world. 35For I was hungry and
you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you
gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed Me, 36I was naked and you
clothed Me, I was sick and you visited
Me, I was in prison and you came to
Me.' 37Then the righteous will answer
Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You
hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give
You drink? 38And when did we see You a
stranger and welcome You, or naked and
clothe You? 39And when did we see You
sick or in prison and visit You?' 40And
the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say
to you, as you did it to one of the least of
these My brothers, you did it to Me.'
41"Then He will say to those on His left,
'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the
eternal fire prepared for the devil and his
angels. 42For I was hungry and you gave
Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave
Me no drink, 43I was a stranger and you
did not welcome Me, naked and you did
not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you
did not visit Me.' 44Then they also will
answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see
You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison, and did not
minister to You?' 45Then He will answer
them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you
did not do it to one of the least of these,
you did not do it to Me.' 46And these will
go away into eternal punishment, but the
righteous into eternal life."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, 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 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.

Sit

Hymn **"Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment" LSB 511, sts. 1–4**

Sermon **Firstfruits**

Offering *We will pass the offering plate to collect your offerings and Guest & Member Communication Cards (yellow sheets). We have three options for online giving available on our website https://www.gloriadeihudson.org. Scroll down to the "Online Giving" section and you will see Simply Giving, PayPal, and Venmo.*

Offertory Hymn **"We Praise You, O God" LSB 785, sts. 1–3**

Stand

Pastoral Prayers

Prayer of the Church

A Let us pray for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God and Father, You sent Your Son, our Shepherd, to gather Your sheep according to Your promise. Grant that all of us who have been brought into Your church through the washing of Holy Baptism join in Your ongoing mission of seeking those who have not yet been gathered. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Heavenly Father, in Your Son You fulfilled Your Word in setting over us one Shepherd. Bless all pastors in their work as under-shepherds, that they faithfully point us to all that is good and right and true, and that we discern what is pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Patient Lord, through Your prophet Ezekiel, You have made clear to us that You will be the one to judge Your sheep and to sort out the mess of this world. In times when we are tempted to take on that work ourselves, help us to remember that Jesus is the one who sits on the throne and that we can trust Him with that work. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Lord of Creation, in Your wisdom You have placed over us people with authority to watch over and protect us. Guide their staff and strengthen their shield that they use their offices for the good of all, especially those among us who are the most vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Merciful Lord, You know the needs of Your sheep and all the ways they have been scattered and wounded. We lift before You all who are in need of care. Help us to see those You have set before us who are hungry, thirsty, imprisoned, and in need of welcome. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

A Lord of time and eternity, You alone know the true measure of our days. When our days seem long or when life feels brief, help us to hold on to Your promise of resurrection, that we remain steadfast in our gaze toward the new heaven and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P For all these things and whatever else You know us to need, we ask of You, dear Father in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

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 Words of Our Lord

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 ✢ 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 ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

A As often as we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Sit

Hymn "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" LSB 611, sts. 1–5
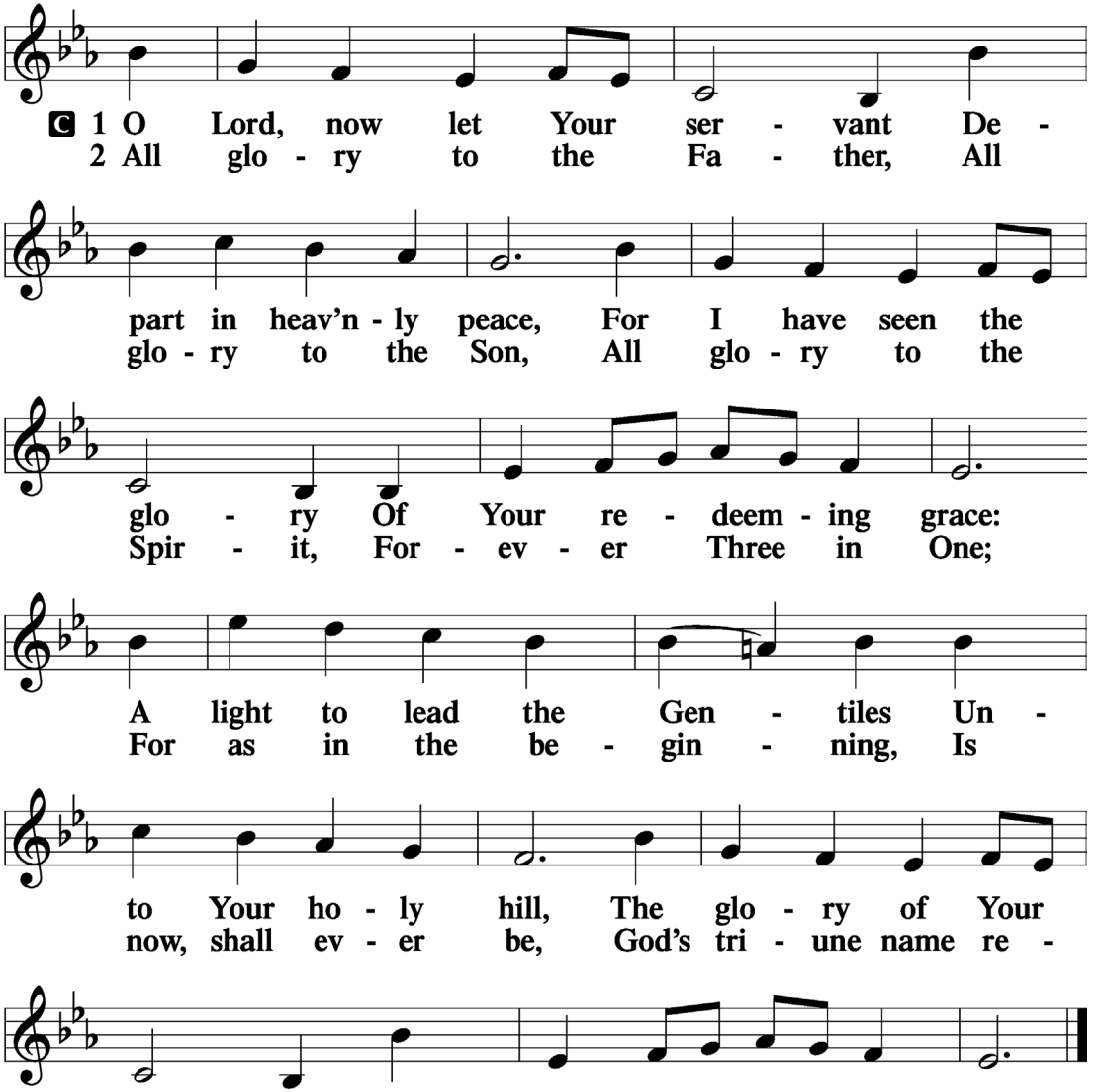
Piano Meditation "Amazing Grace" arr. Hayes

Hymn "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" LSB 554, sts. 1–5

Stand

Communion Dismissal

Post-Communion Canticle "Nunc Dimittis" LSB 211



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.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Memory Verse 1 Corinthians 15:21-22

C **21 For as by a man came _____, by a man has come also the _____ of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all _____, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB 525 sts. 1, 3–5

Postlude "To God Be the Glory" arr. John Scriveyner

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