

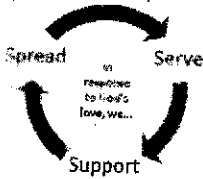
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - CONFIRMATION

Order of Worship—9:00 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – God's Word is always effective; we cannot truly hear it and remain as we were. What a revelation! Today's Scripture Readings all reflect this truth. In Acts, Saul, once responsible for the stoning of Stephen, is changed into the apostle Paul, the human author of much of the New Testament. In the vision in Revelation, John's sorrow is drowned out by the hosts of heaven as they praise the Lamb who is worthy to receive all our praise. And in the Gospel, Peter is forgiven for his weak faith on Holy Thursday and given the gracious invitation to follow his Lord. Now it is our turn to be changed—into people freed from sin and death to serve our living Lord.

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" by Christopher Loemker

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

[Please rise and turn to face the processional cross as it is carried into the church.]

♯PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Lift High the Cross*

LSB 837

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till
all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

- 1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
- 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
- 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
- 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

(continued)

Refrain

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** *Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,*
- C** **to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!**
- P** *To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb*
- C** **be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- 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.*

INTROIT

Ps. 145:4-7, 9; antiphon: Ps. 145:10

- P** *All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,*
- C** **and all your saints shall bless you!**
- P** *One generation shall commend your works to another,*
- C** **and shall declare your mighty acts.**
- P** *On the glorious splendor of your majesty,*
- C** **and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

- P** *They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,*
C **and I will declare your greatness.**
P *They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness*
C **and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**
P *The LORD is good to all,*
C **and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** *All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,*
C **and all your saints shall bless you!**

KYRIE



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest



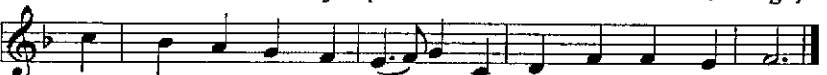
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** *The Lord be with you.* **C** **And also with you.**
P *Let us pray.*

All: **O God, through the sacrifice of Your Son on the cross to the empty tomb, You revealed Christ risen and the life-changing mercy and love for us and all mankind. Grant to Your faithful people a daily recognition of His victory over sin, death, and the grave, that we might serve You in confident joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Acts 9:1–22

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

EPISTLE LESSON

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Revelation 5:8–14

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

ALLELUIA



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1–14

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.*
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
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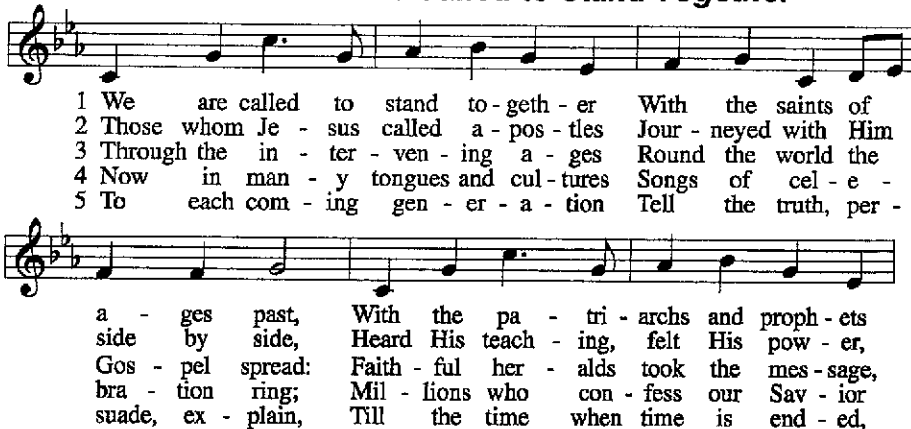
- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY *We Are Called to Stand Together*

LSB 828



1 We are called to stand to - geth - er With the saints of
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -

a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
 side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,
 Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - als took the mes - sage,
 bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior
 suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,

In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and
 Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of
 Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y
 Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,
 Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are

hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!
 res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.
 grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
 grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.
 all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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SERMON "TOOLS IN GOD'S TOOLBOX" **Acts 9:1-22**

- I. God made Paul to be an instrument of His grace.
- II. God uses Word and Sacrament, Law and Gospel, to make us His instruments.

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 worshipped 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.

OFFERING / CHORAL SELECTION "Yes, My Jesus Loves Me"

OFFERTORY *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower* **LSB 694**

1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I
 2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my
 love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my
 best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -

pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I
 ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I
 love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.
 love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!

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RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Blessed Lord, You appeared to the disciples, showing Yourself again as the one and only risen Redeemer. You forgave Peter his betrayal and appointed him to feed Your sheep. Forgive our sins, restore us to Your service, and bless all that we do that it be to Your glory. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *You turned Saul from an enemy of Your kingdom into Your servant and sent him as an apostle to the Gentiles. Turn our hearts from rebellion and resistance to Your Word and Spirit, and lead us to be bold witnesses of Your mercy in words and in deeds. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *You set apart nations and governments for the protection of people, for justice, and for the promotion of virtue. Raise up good and honest leaders here and everywhere, and guide them on the path of peace for the benefit of all. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *You deliver the sick from their illness, the wounded from their pain, the grieving from their sorrow, and the dying from their fear, [especially . . .]. Bless all people according to their need with grace sufficient to carry them through their day of trouble, and sustain them in faith, according to Your gracious will. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,* **C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *You bestow upon us the resources we need for this body and life and You equip us with eternal life. Grant that in our baptismal vocation we live for more than the moment and use the resources entrusted to us for Your eternal purpose. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *You show us mercy and grant us forgiveness though we deserve neither. Through Your Means of Grace You come to us in simple ways, yet with powerful grace through Jesus' body and blood given and shed for us. As we join in fellowship at Your Table, help us through Your Spirit's gift of faith that we recognize our risen Lord, and Him alone, for our forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith. Risen Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** *hear our prayer.*
- P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.* **C** *Amen.*

PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you.* **C** *And also with you.*
- P** *Lift up your hearts.* **C** *We lift them 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, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** *Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **C** Amen.*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*
- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C And also with you.

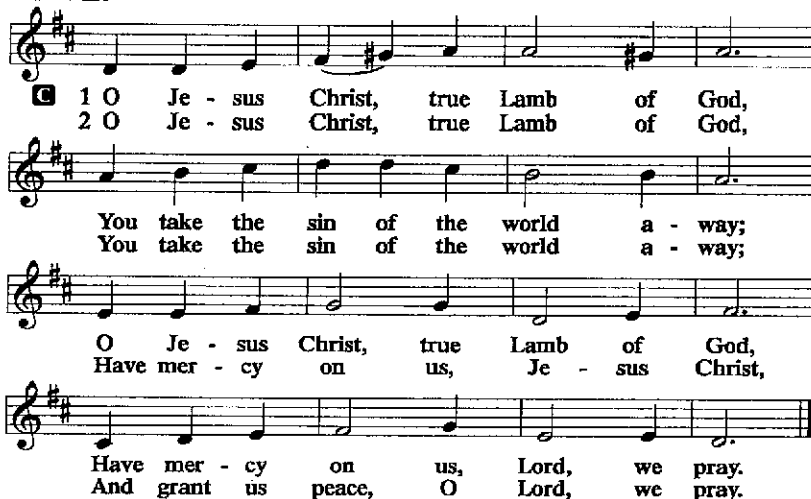
P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

[Remain standing]

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

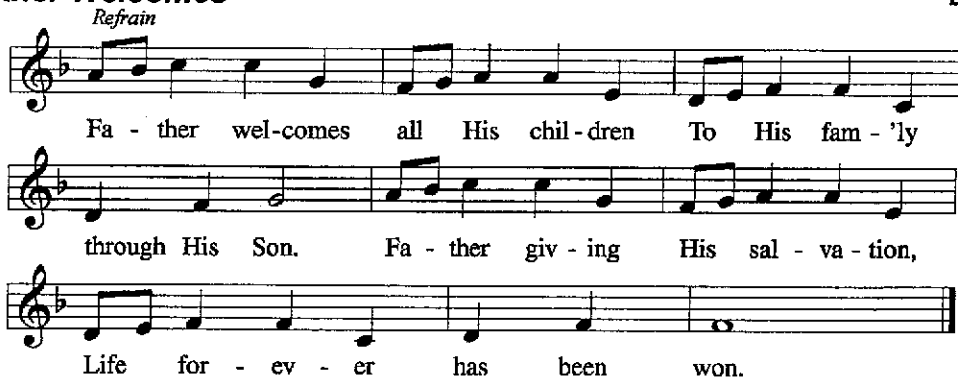
Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Father Welcomes

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Refrain



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
 Shall be born a gain.
 Live in the peace of God.

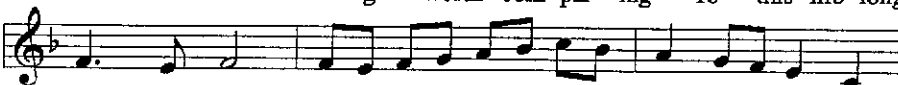
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God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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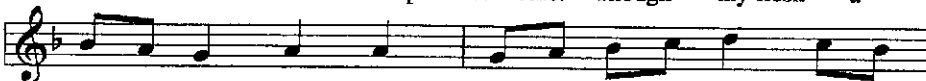
1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



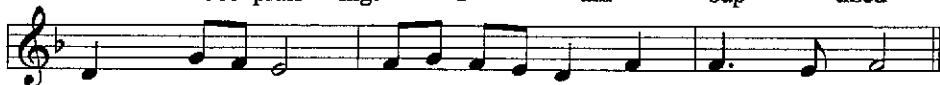
Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

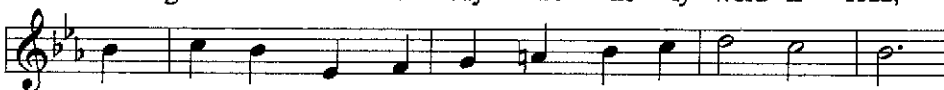
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The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

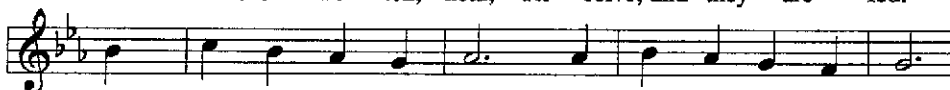
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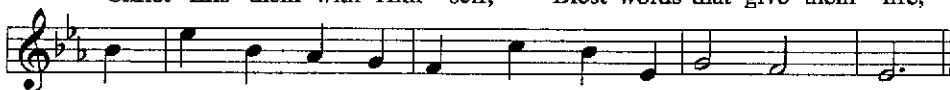
1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

(continued)

5. The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.

6. All glory to the One
 Who lavishes such love;
 The Triune God in love
 Assures our life above.
 His means of grace for us
 Are gifts He loves to give;
 All thanks and praise for His
 Great love by which we live! Amen.

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ANNUNCIANTIS

Song of Simeon

1 O Lord, now let Your ser- vant De-
 2 All glo- ry to the Fa- ther, All
 part in heav'n- ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo- ry to the Son, All glo- ry to the
 glo- ry Of Your re- deem- ing grace:
 Spir- it, For- ev- er Three- in- One;
 A light to lead the the Gen- tiles Un-
 For as in lead the be- gin- ning, Is
 to Your ho- ly hill, The glo- ry of Your
 now, shall ev- er be, God's tri- une name re-
 peo- ple, Your cho- sen Is- ra- el.
 sound- ing Through all e- ter- ni- ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

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 His peace. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Thine Forever, God of Love

LSB 687



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep - herd, keep These Thy frail and trem - bling sheep;
 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
 Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
 Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
 Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good - ness share.
 All our sins by Thee for - giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthdays: Carol Petersen]

POSTLUDE

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

by Jeffrey Blerch

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OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

Total General Offering Blessings – (04/01/19 through 04/30/19).....	\$ 41,906.76
General Fund.....	21,494.00
E.C.C. Tuition	18,610.99
Loose Plate, Sunday School, and Other Gifts.....	1,801.77
Total Expenditures.....	36,366.11
Surplus / (Deficit)	5,540.65
Fiscal Year Cumulative Surplus / (Deficit).....	(19,502.69)

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