

Grace Lutheran Church – LCMS

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WELCOME TO GRACE: We rejoice over your presence this day as we gather in the Name and in the worship of our Lord.

Grace's Mission

♣ Sharing God's Grace♣ Living His Word♣ Making Disciples

Grace Lutheran Church is one of more than six thousand congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

We Believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the sole source for all Christian teaching and practice. *II Timothy 3:16*

We Believe "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

We Believe "by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." *Ephesians 2:8-9*

We Believe our relationship with everyone is based upon Jesus' words: "Love one another as I have loved you." *John 15:12*

Child Care We care about your children. We encourage parents with small children to help them participate in our worship. We ask you to have your children go to the restroom and get a drink before the service, and refrain from leaving during worship, unless there is an emergency. We have available a cry room equipped with sound located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins with activities are available.

Hearing Impaired For those who need assistance, please ask an usher for a wireless hearing aid. They are easy to use.

Please see Grace in Action for the week's calendar and other Important information regarding the ministry of our congregation!



"THE FIRST OF MANY"

AS WE GATHER

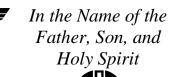
The miracle of water turned into wine is a surprising one. It is marked by the fact that this is the choicest of wines, that the sheer amount of wine was embarrassingly extravagant, and that the full benefit of this miracle was limited to the servants who did what Jesus said, Mary, and the disciples who were with Jesus. It is the mark of what is to come. Jesus' whole ministry is one of goodness beyond compare, of extravagant mercy beyond what we deserve or even dare ask, and of grace hidden in ordinary things like words, water, bread, and wine. This is then a precursor of what is to come, the first of many manifestations of His mercy and the rich and overflowing provision of His grace to supply salvation to a world that otherwise knows no joy.

TEACHING CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace 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 until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor Ramey or the Elder on duty.

[If your health limits you, please don't feel required to stand during the worship service.]

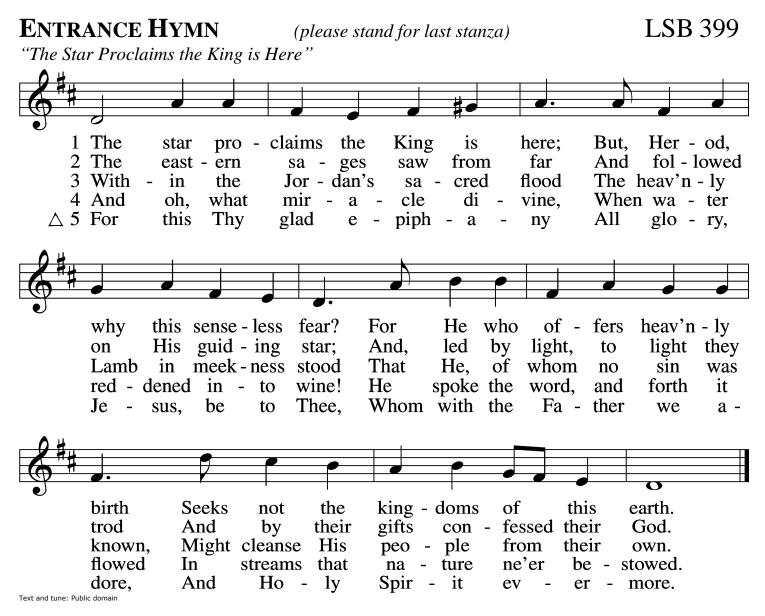




PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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♣ SERVICE OF PREPARATION **♣**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 117:2; 36:7

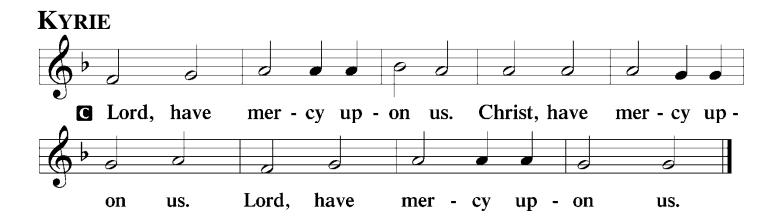
- **P** In the name of the Father and of the **▼** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Great is His steadfast love toward us,
- and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
- P How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
- The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.

Welcomed by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- 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.
- P He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

→ SERVICE OF THE WORD →





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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,



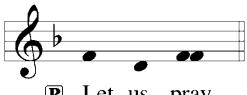
Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.





P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 62:1-5

("As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.")

L The Old Testament reading for the Second Sunday after Epiphany is taken from Isaiah, chapter sixty-two:

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

PSALM

PSALM 128; ANTIPHON V. 5

- The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!
- **P** Blessèd is everyone who fears the Lord,
- **C** who walks in his ways!
- P You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
- you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.
- P Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
- your children will be like olive shoots around your table.
- **P** Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
- **C** who fears the Lord.
- **P** The Lord bless you from Zion!
- May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!
- P May you see your children's children!
- **C** Peace be upon Israel!
- A 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.
- The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

EPISTLE

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

(The Spirit bestows many gifts but for one purpose – that God may be glorified and His church edified.)

The Epistle reading for today is from St. Paul's first letter to Corinth, the twelfth chapter:

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says, "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge

according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individual as he wills.

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

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VERSE AND ALLELUIA

Alleluia. This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee and manifested His glory. And His Disciples believed in Him. Alleluia. *John 2:11*



THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 2:1-11

(The first miracle of Jesus at Cana of Galilee, where He turned water into wine.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2nd chapter.



¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ¹Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁶And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁶When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹o and said to

him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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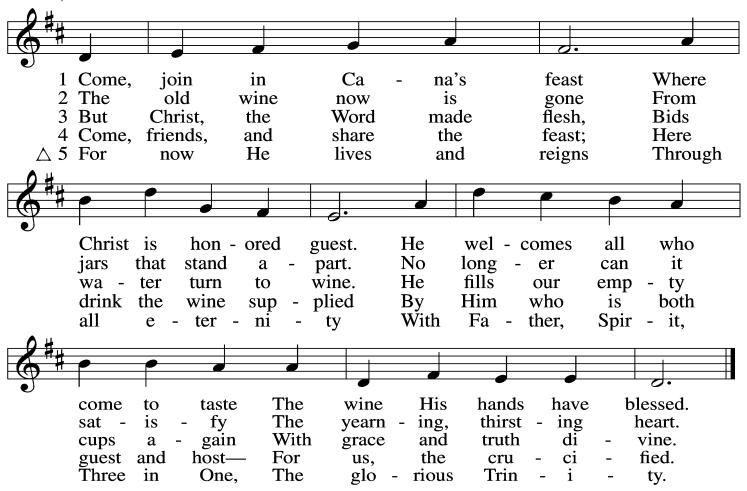
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance 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.

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"Come, Join in Cana's Feast"

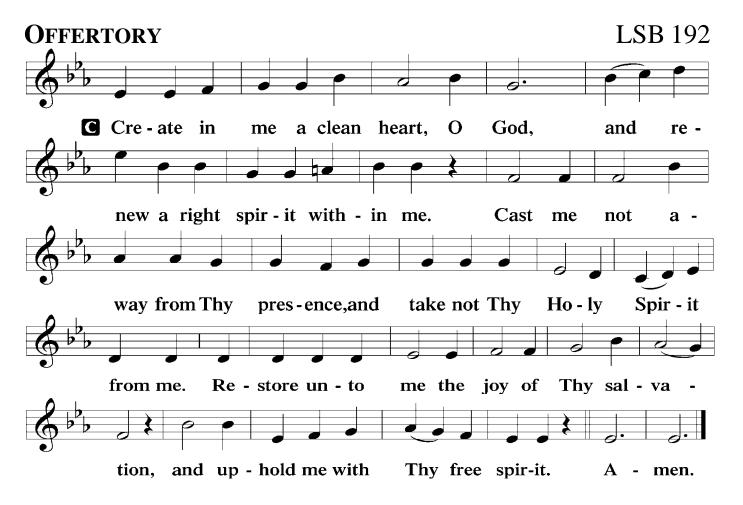


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SERMON TEXT: JOHN 2:1-11

SERMON TITLE: "THE LIFE OF THE PARTY"

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WE OFFER OUR FIRST FRUITS

(Financial support of Grace Lutheran Church is considered a privilege of membership. Although all offerings are welcome, we do not expect them from our visitors.)

VOLUNTARY ORGAN

"Franconia"

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with,

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



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PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

- **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.

PROPER PREFACE

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



C 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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 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 ▶ 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 covenant 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

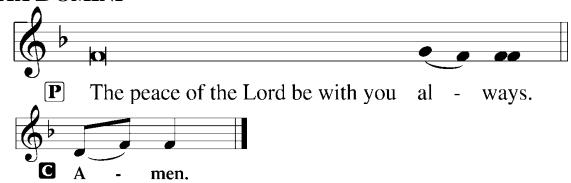
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your 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:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

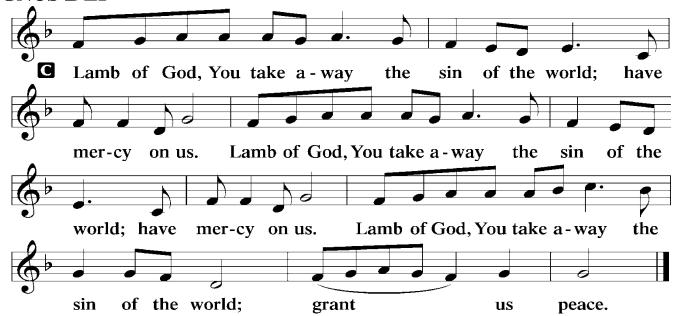
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI



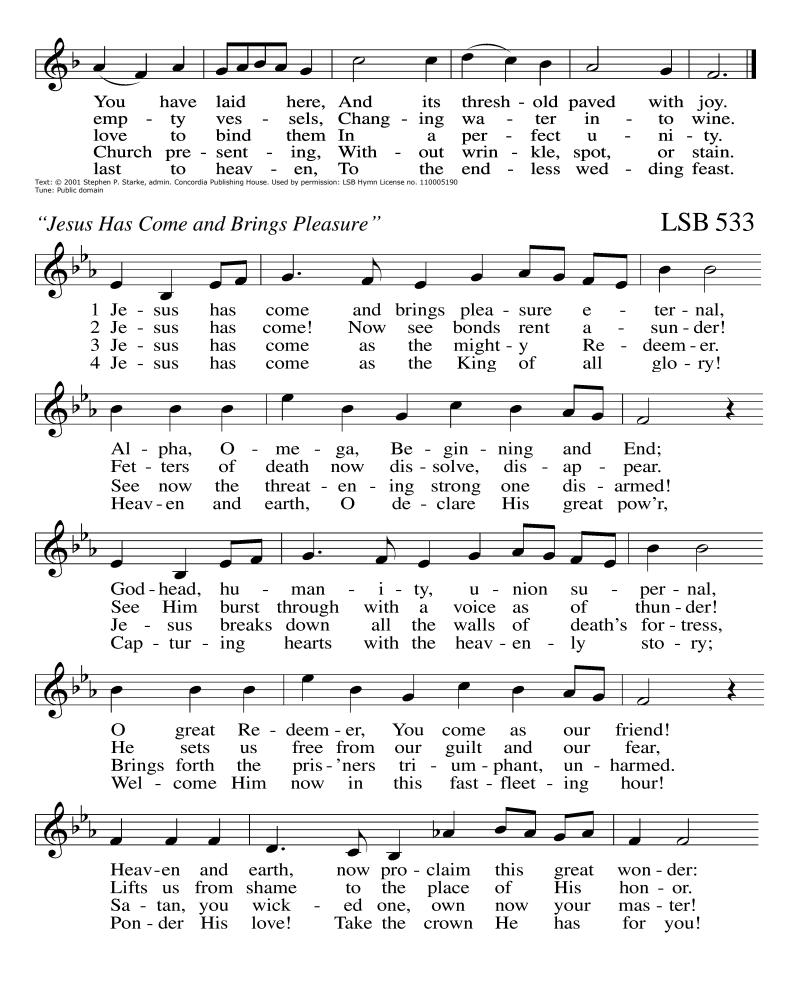
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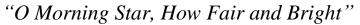
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- 1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's 2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di vine, And deep with in
- 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
- 4 Al might y Fa ther, in Your Son You loved us when



with grace own truth and glow light, A and mer cy! There light hearts now shine; flame our a un - dy ing! from God a - bove Α ray of pur est plea sure. be - gun not yet Was this old earth's foun - da tion!



Da-vid's son, Of Ja - cob's King Our Lord and mas race, bod -In Your be As liv - ing branch one let us У Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls Your Son To Him has ran - somed us in love live in

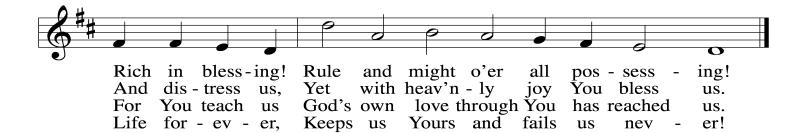


ter, You have won es of a tree, with heav'n-ly food. here and a - boye:

ly! Our hearts to serve You on Your life lives sup - ply our ing. You are our dear est trea sure! Your great This is tion. sal - va



Low - ly, ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic - to - rious, ho Now, though dai 1y Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex Your mer Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! СУ To le lu Christ the liv - ing, ia! us giv - ing



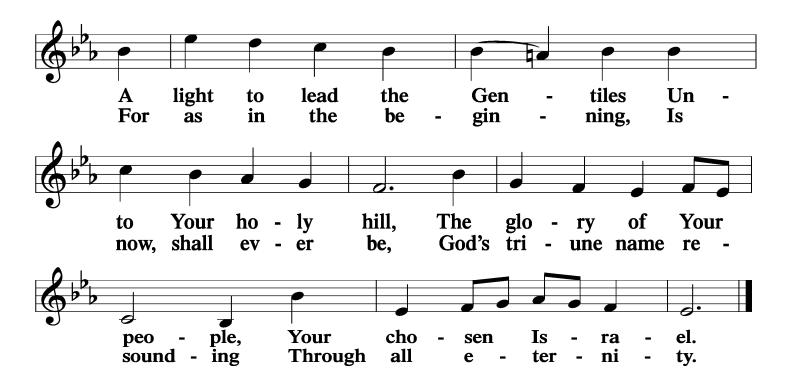
O let the harps break forth in sound! 6 What joy to know, when life is past Our joy be all with music crowned, Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way— Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! **Exultation!** Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!

The Lord we love is first and last, The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! **Crown of gladness!** We are yearning For the day of Your returning!

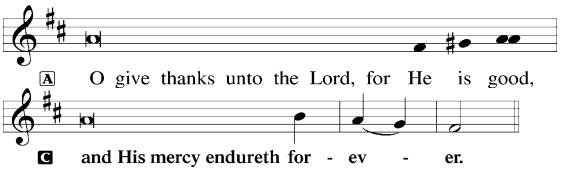
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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING



Let us pray. O Lord, as once Your Son brought gladness to Cana of Galilee by His presence and the first of His miracles, continue to grant us the gladness of Your presence that we may rejoice in the manifold gifts of Your mercy by which we have been saved and be brought to the marriage feast on high without end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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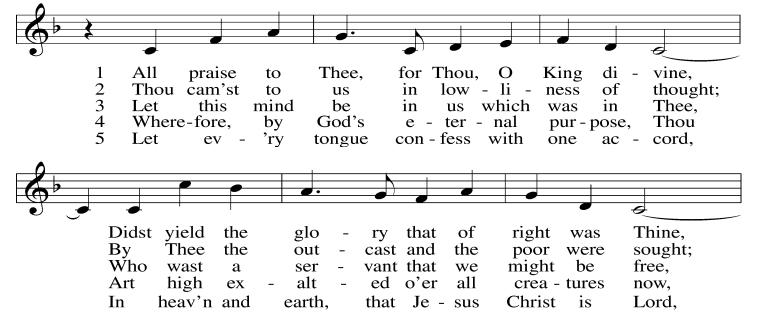
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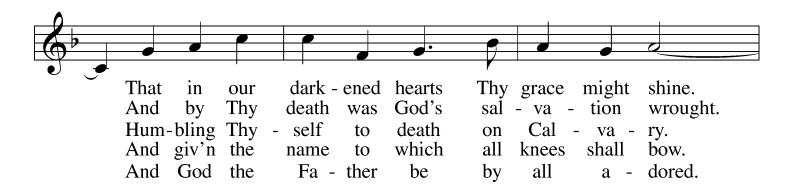
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"All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

a-men,

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POSTLUDE

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	Brent Keesee
	Jim Raven
	Dennis Wehmeyer
Altar Guild	
Teller	Malcom Moerbe
Nursery Attendant	Rachel Schimank

GRACE PRAYS

We continue to pray for the following:

- Wisdom for our nation's leaders.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- For the ministry of our ECP and the families it blesses.
- For our congregation's leaders, the Spirit would guide their work.
- For our congregation, each member would see that he/she is a vital element for our mission and ministry as a church.
- For the victims of the wildfires in Southern California and the safety of all the emergency responders serving and protecting them.

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

* Mike Barbian, Charles Colgan, BJ Haley, Jim Hill, Mary Ann Johnston, Royce Parsley, & Melinda Richmond.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- Susan Johnson (Virginia DeBerry's mom) will have surgery to remove her left kidney from cancer was rescheduled to 1/20/25.
- ❖ Cindy Hilton's surgery was successful and she is "CANCER FREE!"
- ❖ Jami Parsley (Gary's sister-in-law) had knee surgery on 1/9.

PRAYERS OF MOURNING

❖ Cory Rodriguez, (10 yr. old friend of former member Stephen Byrd) his organs were donated on 1/8.



The flowers this morning have been provided to the glory of God by

Khristi Moritz

In loving memory of Jim Moritz

and

The Barnes Family

In celebration of Doris Turner's love for God