

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 26, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

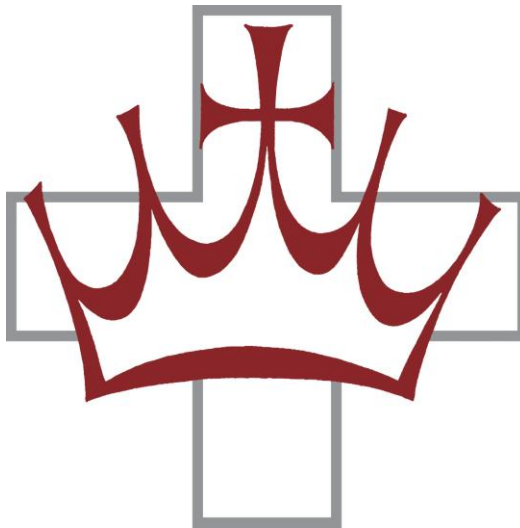
Sunday, April 27, 2025 - 8:00 a.m.

Divine Service 4 - The Lutheran Service Book (LSB) p. 203

The Day of Easter quickly passes, but the season of Easter takes the time needed to contemplate and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord that has forever changed us & our world.

Theme of the Day

Thomas is forever marked with the qualifying adjective “doubting.” How Thomas is known is due to one episode in a career marked more by faith and faithful discipleship. Could it be that the doubts that plague us are less marks of our unfaithfulness than they are challenges we must daily face as Christ’s disciples? What defines you are not the doubts but what you do with them. Thomas brought his doubts to Jesus. We, too, are called to bring our doubts to the Lord and to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in a life of following our Savior.



Are You a Guest? *Welcome! We are so glad to have you. Have a need? See an usher at the entry doors. Want to find out more about our church or school? Include your contact info in the red connection pad. Please Note: Communion will be offered in service today. We encourage you to see more details on p. 10.*

Red Connection Pads

We encourage all in attendance to add your name to the red connection pad at the end of your row or record your attendance online using clcs.org/attendance or the QR code to the right.



A Note on Offerings

In thanksgiving for God’s many gifts, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and the best of our time, our talents, and our financial gifts.

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Opening Hymn (Stand on verse 5)

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

LSB 480



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

Call to Worship

The Invocation - Matthew 28:19

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!

Confession of Sin & Annoucement of Forgiveness

The Absolution - John 20:21-23

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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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.

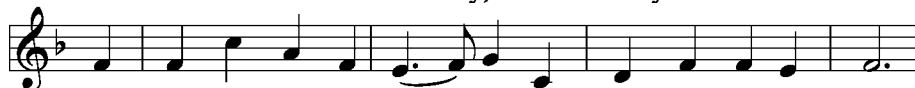
C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

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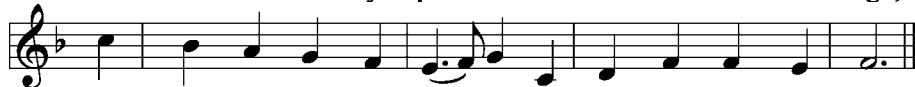
1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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-shipped 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

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. O God, amid doubts and fears, Your gift of faith gives us the confidence that You are continually by our side because Jesus lives forevermore. As we wait until that day of unending glory with Him, teach us to live the lives you've given as a reflection of Your love, that we serve You and others in truth and give honor to 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.**

Children's Message *(Please be seated)*

✝ The Word of the Lord ✝

First Reading

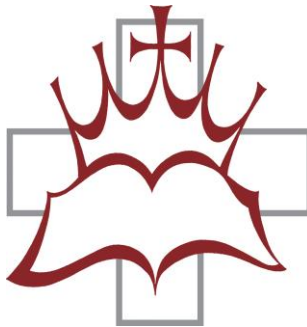
"Speak to the people the words of Life"

Acts 5:12-20

¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



"Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

Revelation 1:17b-18

Second Reading

“John’s vision of Jesus’ eternal glory”

Revelation 1:4-18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” ¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession & Song (Please stand)

“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”

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(The Gospel is read from the center of the congregation to symbolize the risen Jesus standing among us with the good news of His victory over death and the grave. He is alive. Alleluia!)



How can it be the One who died has borne our sin thru sac-ri-fice to con-quer ev-ry
sting of death Sing sing Hal-le-lu-jah Christ is ri-sen He is
ris-en in-deed Oh sing hal-le-lu-jah Join the cho-rus sing
with the re-deemed Christ is ris-en He's ris-en in-deed.

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Holy Gospel

“Thomas confesses the risen Jesus”

John 20:19-29

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.” ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

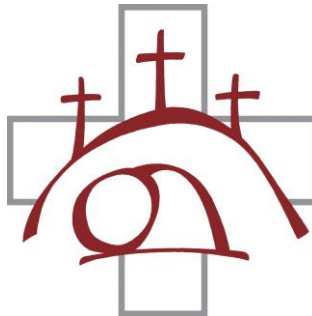
Gospel Procession & Song

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| 1 The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness | 2 Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen, He is risen indeed |
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Shared Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Hymn of the Day *(Please be seated)*

“O Sons and Daughters of the King”

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1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
6 “My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -
7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be.”
feet, the hands, the side; “You are my Lord and God!” he cried.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Sermon

“A Life-Changing Vision”

Revelation 1:4-18

Sermon Series “Eternal Perspectives (Readings from Revelation)” (Week 1)

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at clcs.org/sermons.

Hymn of Response

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

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| <p>1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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Offering Prayer

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.*

~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

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Prayers *(Please stand)*

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- L: That believing we may see, and seeing we may believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of the Father, and that we may trust in Him without fear, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: That we may proclaim without fear Christ crucified and risen, and that with words and deeds of witness others may come to hear of Jesus Christ and believe in Him, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: That those who have wandered from the faith may be restored to the community of faith that we may together hear the good news of His Word and receive the gifts of His holy Table, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: That the teaching of all pastors, missionaries, Lutheran educators, and church workers may be faithful, that God may raise up many for service to His kingdom, and that God would guide the leaders within our church body that we may walk together in faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- L: That the nations of the world may live in peace, that the people of the world may enjoy good government and freedom to worship the Lord without fear, and that God may bless our President, Congress, Governor, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: That those wounded in body or spirit may be healed, the suffering find relief, the grieving may be comforted, and the dying be at peace in Christ. We pray for (...*special petitions*), let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: All these things for which we have need, we bring to our gracious Heavenly Father; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

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.

✠ Holy Communion ✠

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward paths and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

1. **Forgiveness** - Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
2. **Faith** - Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
3. **Fellowship** - Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community in which I now seek to receive communion? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

When invited forward by an usher, please line up in front of the communion rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available on stands at the end of the first row for those with a gluten allergy to pick up on their way to the communion rail.

Non-alcoholic (white) wine is available at the center of the communion tray.

After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.

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 ... evermore praising You and singing:

Song of the Angels

The Sanctus - Isaiah 6:3

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Words of Our Lord

The Words of Institution - Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei - John 1:29

LSB 210

- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

Special Music (8:00 a.m.) “Be Thou My Vision” Piano duet: Jennifer Daake, Rhonda Hansen

For Prayer & Personal Reflection

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Revelation 1:5b-6

What does it mean that Jesus has made us a kingdom of priests?

“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me...”

Revelation 1:17-18

Would you fall in such a way before Jesus? Why or why not?

What is so comforting about the touch of Jesus?

“... he laid his right hand on me, saying, ‘Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.’”

Revelation 1:17-18

What is this promising us that Jesus is the living one, who has the keys of Death and Hades?

Distribution Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

LSB 549



1 All hail the pow’r of Je - sus’ name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael’s cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid’s line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne’er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se’s rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the the part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
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 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 Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray.

...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

The Benediction of Aaron - Numbers 6:24-26

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.

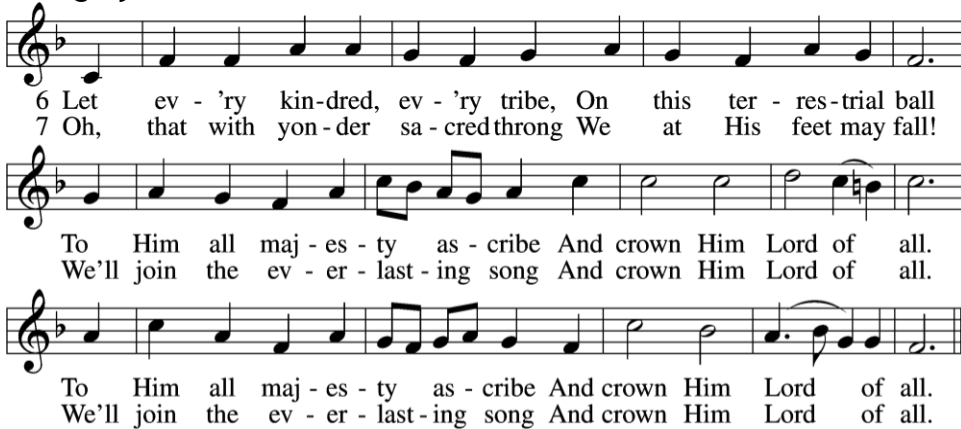
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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6 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res-trial ball
7 Oh, that with yon-der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!

To Him all maj - es - ty as - crite And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.

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Announcements

✝ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✝

Preacher: Pastor Kurt Ebert

Worship Leader: (5:30p) Bob Romack (8:00a) Pastor Sam Troemel

Organist: (5:30p & 8:00a) Rhonda Hansen

Musicians: (8:00a) Jennifer Daake and Rhonda Hansen - piano duet

Acolyte: (5:30p) n/a (8:00a) Benjamin Camin