

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LINCOLN
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Worship Plan for Sunday, April 3, 2022

Gottesdienstplan für Sonntag, 3. April 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent/Fünfter Fastensonntag

Special Welcome to **Herr Jim Geiger** who is providing special music this morning!

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

KURZER AUFTRAG ZUM BEKENNTNIS UND VERGEBEN

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN: “Welcome to you, Lord”

**Welcome to You, Oh Lord, because You call us,
Welcome to You, Oh Lord, because You want us,
Welcome to You, Oh Lord, because You love us,
And You want us for your very own.**

**We come to You, Oh Lord, because we need You,
We come to You, Oh Lord, we want to see You,
We come to You, Oh Lord, because we love You,
Without You we stand alone.**

INSTRUMENTAL

**Give us Your body, Lord, because You feed us,
Give us Your blood, oh Lord, so You can free us,
We plead together, Lord, don't ever leave us,
Take us as your very own.**

**We come to You, Oh Lord, because we need You,
We come to You, Oh Lord, we want to see You,
We come to You, Oh Lord, because we love You,
Without You we stand alone.**

INSTRUMENTAL

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **☞** Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

☞ Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **☞** Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **☞** A - men

SING HYMN OF PRAISE

☩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 ☩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:
 We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Let us pray. . . .

*Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen*

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:16-21 Read by Herr Domanick Mauch

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

Die erste Lesung kommt auf dem dreiundvierzigsten Kapitel Jesajas, Versen 16-21

*¹⁶So spricht der HERR,
 der im Meer einen Weg und
 in starken Wassern Bahn macht,
¹⁷der ausziehen lässt Wagen und Rosse, Heer und Macht – da liegen sie,
 stehen nicht wieder auf, sind verglüht wie ein Docht, erloschen:
¹⁸Gedenkt nicht an das Frühere und achtet nicht auf das Vorige!
¹⁹Denn siehe, ich will ein Neues schaffen, jetzt wächst es auf, erkennt ihr's denn nicht?
 Ich mache einen Weg in der Wüste und Wasserströme in der Einöde.
²⁰Das Wild des Feldes preist mich, die Schakale und Strauße; denn ich will in der
 Wüste Wasser und in der Einöde Ströme geben, zu tränken mein Volk, meine
 Auserwählten; ²¹das Volk, das ich mir bereitet habe, soll meinen Ruhm verkündigen.*

Hier endet die Lesung.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
 they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
¹⁹I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
 I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
 for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
 so that they might declare my praise.

Here ends the reading.

PSALM is from Psalm 126

TODAY'S THEME: Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
 then were we like those who dream.
²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
³Then they said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

⁴**The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

⁵Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

⁶**Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

⁷Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND LESSON Philippians 3:4b-14 Read by Frau MaryAnn Crow

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

Die zweite Lesung kommt aus dem dritten Kapitel Philippi, Versen vier B bis vierzehn.

Wenn ein anderer meint, er könne sich aufs Fleisch verlassen, so könnte ich es viel mehr, 5 der ich am achten Tag beschnitten bin, aus dem Volk Israel, vom Stamm Benjamin, ein Hebräer von Hebräern, nach dem Gesetz ein Pharisäer, 6 nach dem Eifer ein Verfolger der Gemeinde, nach der Gerechtigkeit, die das Gesetz fordert, untadelig gewesen. 7 Aber was mir Gewinn war, das habe ich um Christi willen für Schaden erachtet. 8 Ja, ich erachte es noch alles für Schaden gegenüber der überschwänglichen Erkenntnis Christi Jesu, meines Herrn. Um seinetwillen ist mir das alles ein Schaden geworden, und ich erachte es für Dreck, auf dass ich Christus gewinne 9 und in ihm gefunden werde, dass ich nicht habe meine Gerechtigkeit, die aus dem Gesetz, sondern die durch den Glauben an Christus kommt, nämlich die Gerechtigkeit, die von Gott kommt durch den Glauben. 10 Ihn möchte ich erkennen und die Kraft seiner Auferstehung und die Gemeinschaft seiner Leiden und so seinem Tode gleich gestaltet werden, 11 damit ich gelange zur Auferstehung von den Toten.

12 Nicht, dass ich's schon ergriffen habe oder schon vollkommen sei; ich jage ihm aber nach, ob ich's wohl ergreifen könnte, weil ich von Christus Jesus ergriffen bin. 13 Meine Brüder und Schwestern, ich schätze mich selbst nicht so ein, dass ich's ergriffen habe. Eins aber sage ich: Ich vergesse, was dahinten ist, und strecke mich aus nach dem, was da vorne ist, 14 und jage nach dem vorgesteckten Ziel, dem Siegespreis der himmlischen Berufung Gottes in Christus Jesus.

Hier endet die zweite Lesung.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them

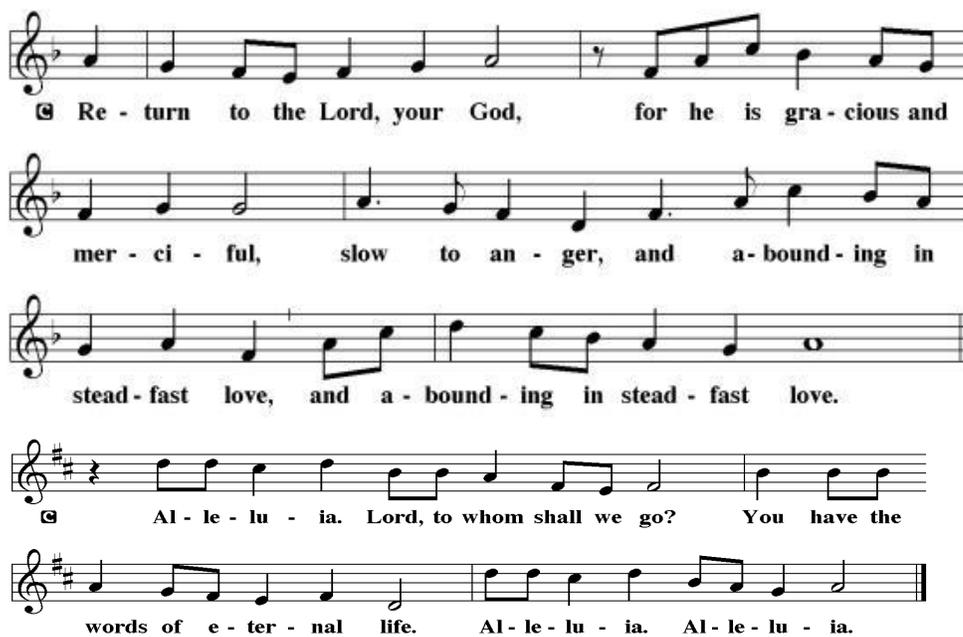
as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Here ends the reading.

**Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.
Bitte, stehen Sie für die Lesung des Gospels auf.**

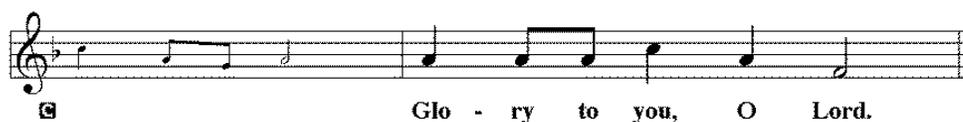
VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8 *Johannes zwölf, Versen eins bis acht*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 12th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “We Offer Bread and Wine”

We offer bread and wine,
We show our love for you.
We share the sacred meal,
Because you want us to.

CHORUS:

**Lord, accept us as we are
For we come from near and far
To worship through your son
Children of a sinful race
Who may seem so out of place
But worshipping as one.**

Our work, our joy and pain,
We also offer you.
Accept our humble gift,
Because we want you to.

CHORUS:

We realize we're poor,
But we offer what we can.
Accept our change of heart,
Accept our open hand.

CHORUS:

Now as we celebrate,
Your gift from up above.
You give yourself to us,
In this sacrament of love.

CHORUS:

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*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,*

*true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen*

THE PRAYERS

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Do a new thing in the church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel and bring forward leaders who imagine fresh ways of doing ministry. Give us courage in the face of change. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Do a new thing for creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Do a new thing in our world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with

money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick (We especially pray for Mary Nelson, Chris Caldwell, Rev. Jeff Giles, Kalli Netland, Sharren and Charles Goehring, Elmer and Marge Wagner, Amber Brintnell, Chris Vick, Rita and Lawrence Albrecht, Marie and Myron Kroh, Elroy Dockter, Brian Ventsh, Kyla Guthmiller, Iris Quandt, Jenny Masset, James Rebel, Jason Wentz, Jillian Nordsvan, Theresa Held and all others that are on our hearts and minds.) Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Do a new thing within us. Direct us into encounters that broaden our understanding of the human experience. Amplify voices that are ignored or devalued (*especially*). Deliver us especially from the scourge of racism. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Abba Father, in our busy lives we don't take the time away from the distractions of this world to speak with you as we should, hear now the prayers that we offer in the silence of our hearts. *A brief silence.* Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for (*names* and) all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

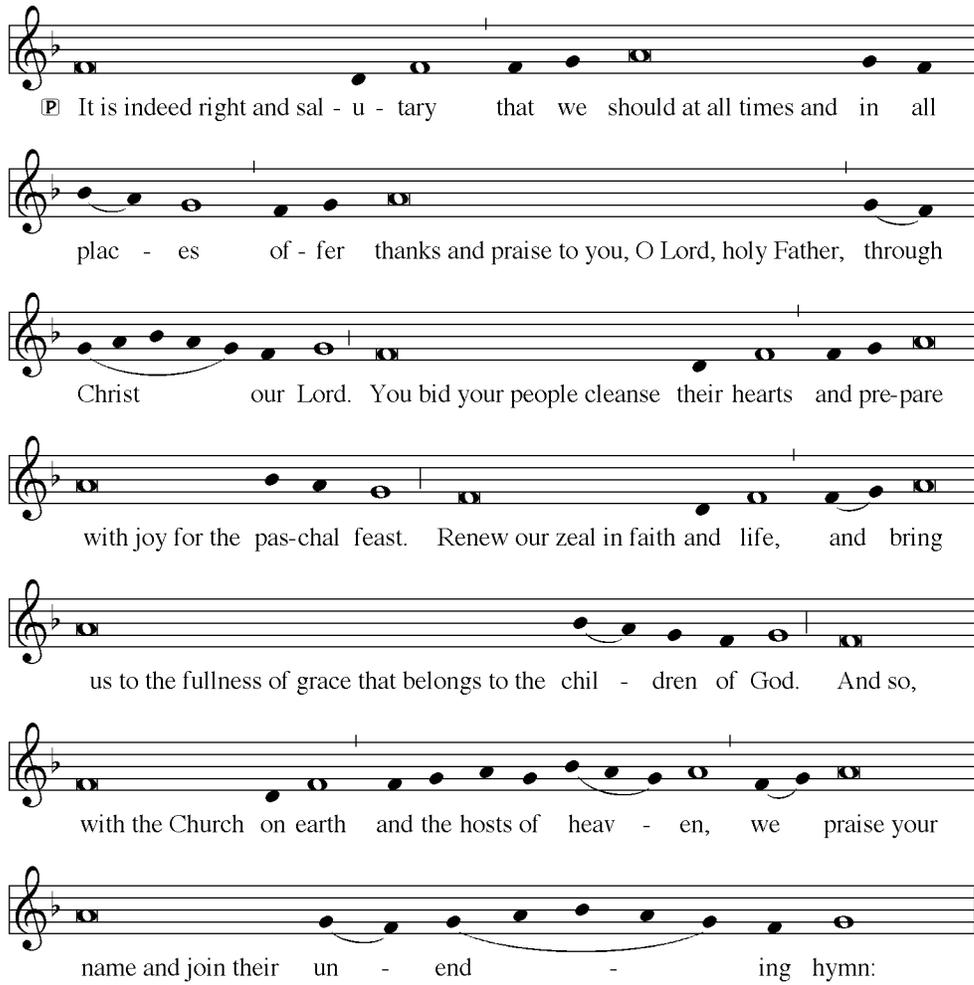
Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

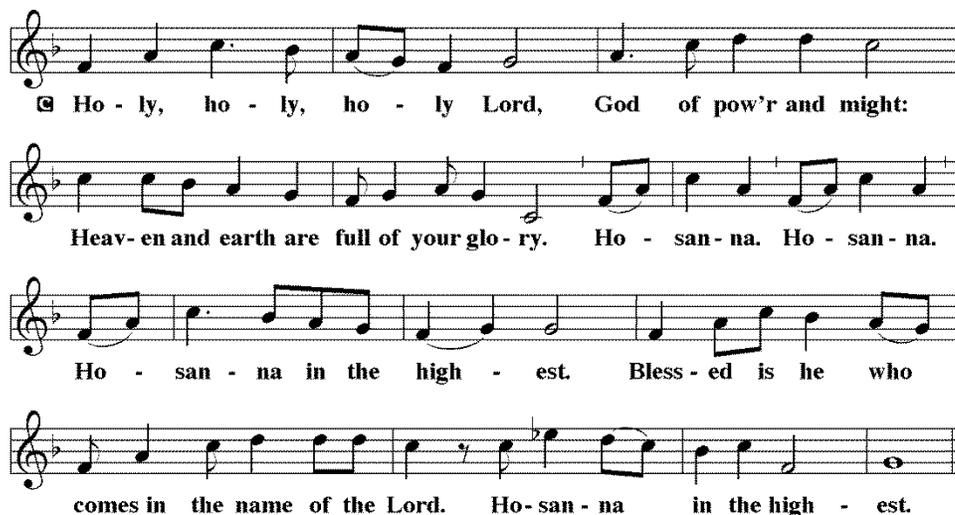
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE



It is indeed right and sal - u - tary that we should at all times and in all
plac - es of - fer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through
Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and pre-pare
with joy for the pas-chal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring
us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the chil - dren of God. And so,
with the Church on earth and the hosts of heav - en, we praise your
name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
 In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him should not perish,
 but have eternal life.
 We give thanks to you
 for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
 Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 Take and drink; this cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.
 For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup,
 We proclaim our Lord's death until he comes again.

LORD'S PRAYER/ VATER UNSER

*Vater unser im Himmel,
 geheiligt werde dein Name.
 Dein Reich komme.*

*Dein Wille geschehe,
wie im Himmel,
so auf Erden.
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute,
und vergib uns unsre Schuld,
wie auch wir vergeben unseren Schuldigern.
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,
sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.
Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen.*

*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.*

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
After each, the communicant responds:
C: Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.
 My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre- pared in the
 sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re- veal you to the
 na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING

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: “Act of Praise”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost by now am found,
We blind but now I see.

CHORUS:

He Lives, He Lives, He Lives, He Lives

Christ Jesus lives today.

He Lives, He lives, Christ Jesus Lives today.

Adore – a thousand tongues to sing;
My great redeemer, praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The Triumph of his grace.

CHORUS:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

CHORUS:

All Hail the power of Jesus’ name;
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring fourth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

CHORUS:

In Christ there is no east or west;
In Him no south and north.
To one great fellowship of love,
Throughout the whole wide earth.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

In Frieden gehen. Diene dem Herrn.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gott sei Dank.

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