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THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA (EASTER)  
APRIL 19, 2026  
✧ DIVINE SERVICE I/HOLY COMMUNION ✧  
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## **REGISTRATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION**

Members of Mt. Calvary and visitors, who are confirmed members in good standing of congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to announce attendance at Holy Communion by means of the registration cards in the pews. Non-member visitors and guests, who may desire to attend Holy Communion, are asked to speak in person with the pastor before doing so. Those who desire a blessing, but choose not to commune, may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest.

In accord with Holy Scripture, our church teaches that Holy Communion is open only to those who: (1) have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; Matt. 28:19, Acts 2:41-42; (2) are able to examine themselves both as to what this meal is and also its purpose; 1 Cor. 11:26-30; (3) have confessed and repented of their sins; 1 John 1:8-2:3; (4) believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine all communicants receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins: 1 Cor. 11:23-27, 1 Cor. 10:16, Matt. 26:26-28; and who (5) are united in belief in the same teaching: 1 Cor. 10:17, Rom. 16:18, 2 John 10-11, Matt. 28:20, Heb. 13:9.

*Looking for extra help in focusing your thoughts for the Lord's Supper? "Christian Questions with Their Answers" was prepared by Luther to address just that. They can be found in your hymnal on pages 329-330. Review them if you get to church early, or during the offering, or if you are waiting to be invited forward.*

*Prayer before Worship: O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

## **PRELUDE**

## **RINGING BELL CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

## **WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**    *LSB 482 This Joyful Eastertide***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION***Page 151*

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

**C: AMEN.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: 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.**

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***Psalm 133; antiphon: v. 1*

**BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND PLEAS- | ANT IT IS\***

**WHEN BROTHERS DWELL IN | UNITY!**

**IT IS LIKE THE PRECIOUS OIL ON THE HEAD, RUNNING DOWN ON THE BEARD,  
ON THE BEARD OF | AARON,\***

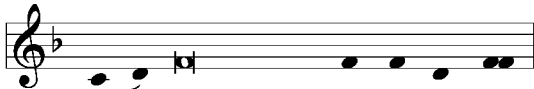
**RUNNING DOWN ON THE COLLAR | OF HIS ROBES!**

**IT IS LIKE THE DEW OF HERMON, WHICH FALLS ON THE MOUNTAINS OF | ZION!\***  
**FOR THERE THE LORD HAS COMMANDED THE BLESSING, LIFE FOR- |**  
**EVERMORE.**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON\***  
**AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;**  
**AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING,\***  
**IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.**  
**BEHOLD, HOW GOOD AND PLEAS- | ANT IT IS\***  
**WHEN BROTHERS DWELL IN | UNITY!**

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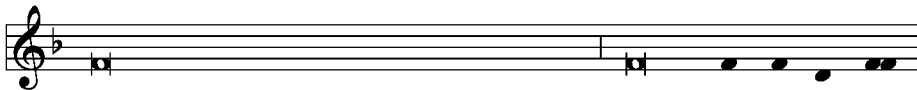
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.




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




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



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



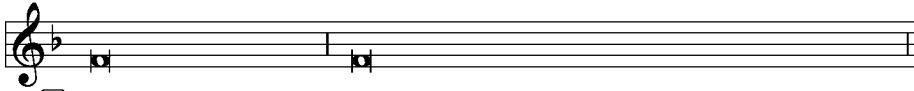
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



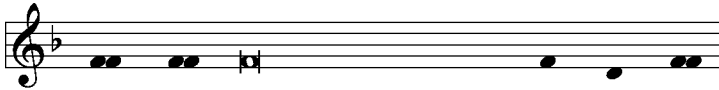
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



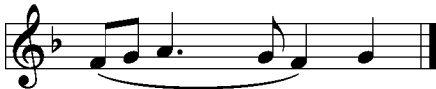
let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



**C** A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### *Gloria in Excelsis*

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**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** 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.

## SALUTATION

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** **O GOD, THROUGH THE HUMILIATION OF YOUR SON YOU RAISED UP THE FALLEN WORLD. GRANT TO YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE, RESCUED FROM THE PERIL OF EVERLASTING DEATH, PERPETUAL GLADNESS AND ETERNAL JOYS; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN.**

## THE GOSPEL FOR YOUNG FOLK

### FIRST READING

*Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus Whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### PSALM Psalm 116:1-14

*(Sung responsively by verse)*



I love the Lord, because | He has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.

**BECAUSE HE INCLINED HIS | EAR TO ME,\***

**THEREFORE I WILL CALL ON HIM AS LONG | AS I LIVE.**

The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.

**THEN I CALLED ON THE NAME | OF THE LORD:\***

**“O LORD, I PRAY, DELIV- | ER MY SOUL!”**

Gracious is the Lord, and | righteous;\*  
our God is | merciful.

**THE LORD PRESERVES THE | SIMPLE;\***

**WHEN I WAS BROUGHT LOW, HE | SAVED ME.**

Return, O my soul, | to your rest;\*  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully | with you.

**FOR YOU HAVE DELIVERED MY | SOUL FROM DEATH,\***

**MY EYES FROM TEARS,**

**MY FEET FROM | STUMBLING;**

I will walk be- | fore the Lord\*  
in the land of the | living.

**I BELIEVED, EVEN | WHEN I SPOKE,\***

**“I AM GREATLY AF- | FLICTED”;**

I said in | my alarm,\*  
“All mankind are | liars.”

**WHAT SHALL I RENDER | TO THE LORD\***

**FOR ALL HIS BENE- | FITS TO ME?**

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
and call on the Name | of the Lord,

**I WILL PAY MY VOWS | TO THE LORD\***

**IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL HIS | PEOPLE.**

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND | TO THE SON\***

**AND TO THE HOLY | SPIRIT;**

**AS IT WAS IN THE BE- | GINNING,\***

**IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. | AMEN.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Peter 1:17-25*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on Him as Father Who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through Him are believers in God, Who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding Word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

but the Word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this Word is the good news that was preached to you.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

### GOSPEL VERSE

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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.

### INTRODUCTION

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. <sup>17</sup>And He said to them, **“What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?”** And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, **“What things?”** And they said to Him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man Who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And He said to them, **“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?”** <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY    *LSB 480 He's Risen, He's Risen*

## SERMON

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**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 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.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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**OFFERTORY**

*What Shall I Render to the Lord*  
Psalm 116

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**♩** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**Hymn** *LSB 550 Lamb of God*

**PREFACE**

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**P** The Lord be with you.



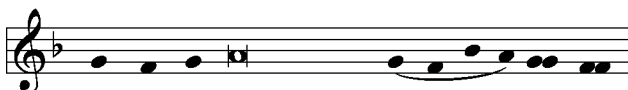
**C** And al - so with you.



**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**

**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 Lord*

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**C** 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.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

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**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.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**P:** Lord, 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.**



*Prayer before Communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*LSB 585 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

*LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

**P:** May the true Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His most precious Blood, strengthen you in true faith, granting you the forgiveness of sins, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**C: AMEN.**

### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

*Nunc Dimittis – Song of Simeon  
Lord, Now You Let Your Servant*

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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 be 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 COLLECT**

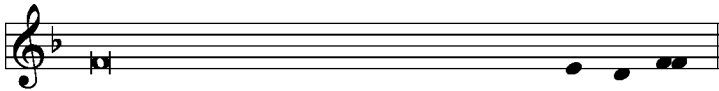
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**P:** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: AMEN.****BENEDICTION**

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**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** A - men.**CLOSING HYMN**    *LSB 484 Make Songs of Joy***SILENT PRAYER**

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**



- PASTOR** - The Rev. Barry Long  
**ELDER** - Daniel Keehner  
**PIANIST** - Carol Wessler

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