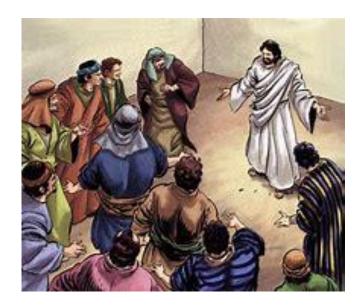
# Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## **April 14, 2024** The Second Sunday of Easter



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We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

### TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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	Serving	Today
Pastor Jonathan Christensen		Robert Hamrick, Organist
		Craig Escude, Choir Director/Cantor
	Elders	David Maloney
		David White
	Lector	Paul Mincer
	Ushers	Leah Ryel, David Martin
		Kurt Dellutri, Tyler Maloney
	Greeter	Jackie Fry
	Altar Guild	Lyn Heiple
	Serving No	ext Week
	Elders	David Maloney
		David White
	Lector	Kathy Kirchoefer
	Ushers	LWML-Lydia Cassidy, Kathy
		Kirchoefer, Marilyn Pittman,
		Debby Zagone
	Greeter	Carol Walters, Barbara Volk, Judy
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	Altar Guild	Marilyn Pittman

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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## The Divine Service: Setting One

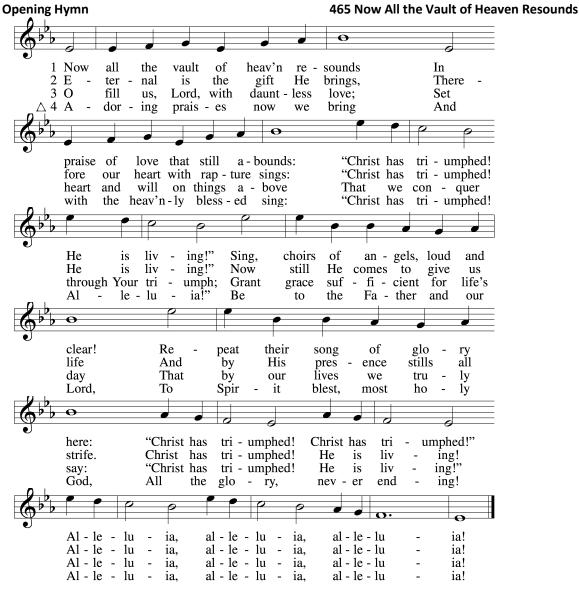
Prelude Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Elizabeth Hill, Rebecca Groom te Velde

#### **Easter Acclamation**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Stand



#### The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- 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.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### Kneel/Sit Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

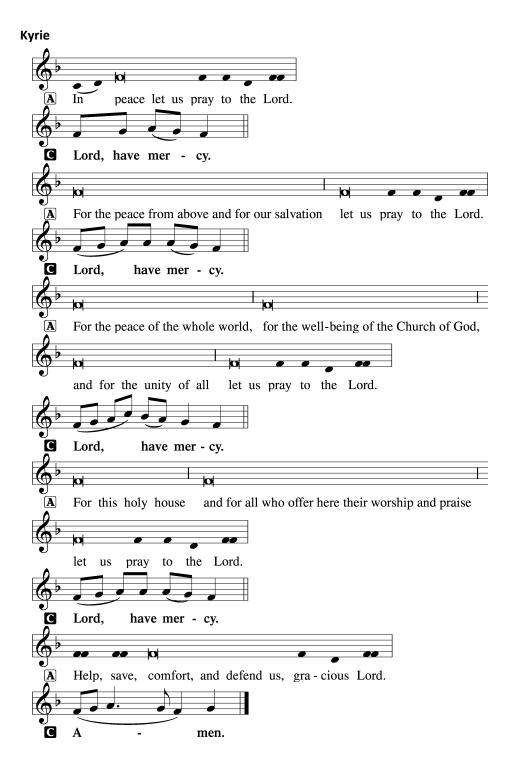
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved 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.
- 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.

#### Stand

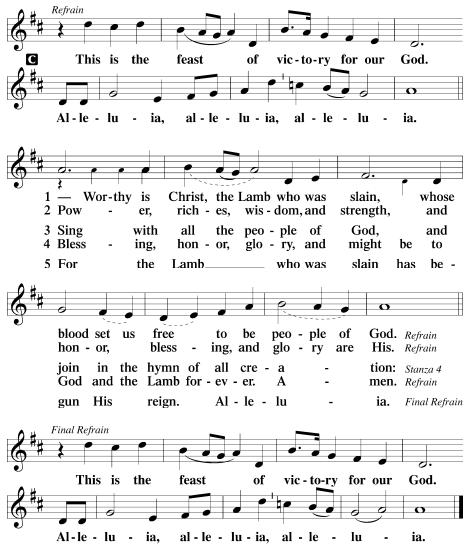
Introit In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\* at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore. I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up\* and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,\* and you have healed me. O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\* you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,\* and give thanks to his | holy name. For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.\* Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. 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. In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\* at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b Tone E



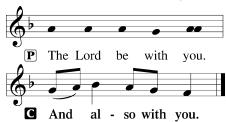


This Is the Feast





Salutation and Collect of the Day



▶ Let us pray... 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.



#### Sit

#### First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

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

Psalm



<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was | in distress.\* Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!

#### <sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?\* How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for himself;\* the LORD hears when I | call to him.

#### <sup>4</sup>Be angry, and | do not sin;\*

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacri- | fices,\* and put your trust | in the LORD.

#### <sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "Who will show | us some good?\* Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O LORD!"

<sup>7</sup>You have put more joy | in my heart\* than they have when their grain and | wine abound.

#### <sup>8</sup>In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;\* for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.

#### Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



#### **Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:36-49

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

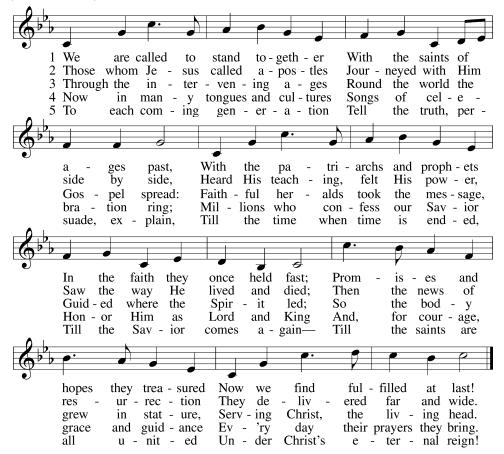


<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."



Hymn of the Day



#### Sermon

#### Stand

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

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#### **C** hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

God of all comfort, You have compassion on those who are afflicted. Remember and have mercy on all those in need of Your healing and deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Son's crucifixion all sins have been blotted out. Send us now the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar, and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### C hear our prayer.

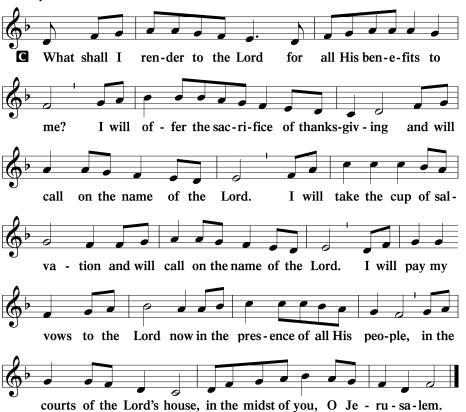
Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

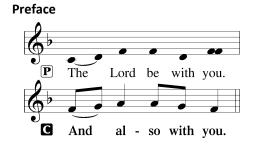
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Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

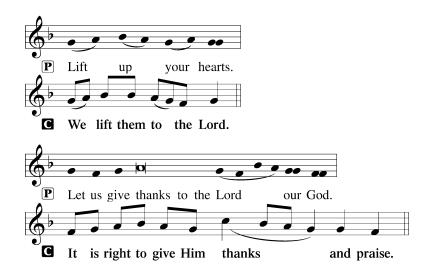
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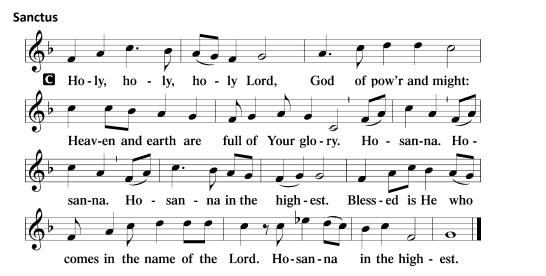
### Service of the Sacrament



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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 saying:



LSB 161

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

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 ⅓ 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 testament 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."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- 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:

#### 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

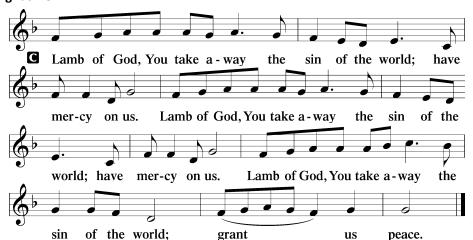
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### Agnus Dei

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#### Sit Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

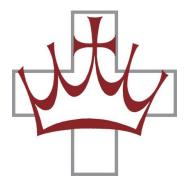
Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.** 

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

#### Amen.

**Distribution Hymn** 



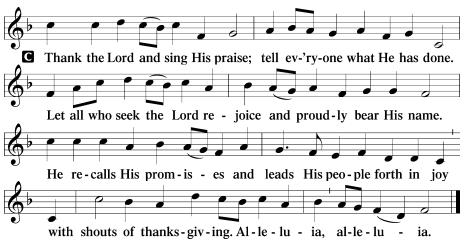


**Distribution Hymn** 629 What Is This Bread 4 1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y 2 What blood of is this wine? The 3 So who I. That should am Ι here? 4 Yet is God Oh. yes! By 5 Is this for me? T am for ris - en from the dead: This bread we break. Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace live and He should die Un - der the rod? Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul giv - en and free! I be - lieve set do This life Was crushed to pay for our we take. re -Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til Ι Why have You not for - sak - en My God, my God, He makes us whole-Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this That Ι re - ceive His ver - y bod - v and His 0 the Lord is lease. taste and seepeace. the Lord is sing! 0 taste and see-King. me? the Lord is 0 taste and seefree. meal. the Lord is 0 taste and seereal. blood. the Lord is 0 taste and seegood.

#### In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 
   H in peace.
- C Amen.

Stand



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

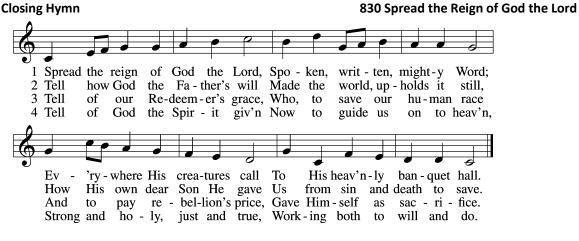
C Amen.

#### Benediction

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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 H give you peace.





- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield. But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
- Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind; Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

### **Board of Christian Education**

"No egg left behind" could have been the Sunday School's motto at our annual Easter egg hunt Easter morning. After the egg hunt and other games, the children and youth received Easter treat bags. My thanks to those who contributed towards the goodies for the treat bags and to those who helped supervise the egg hunt and games. Thank you for bringing an extra measure of joy for the children on Easter morning!

So, you have egg cartons that are just thrown away? Please bring them to the church office so we can donate them to IAM. They are in need of these year round to distribute eggs to clients.