

Opening Hymn

493 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
- 3 You saints, who here in pa - tience your cross and suf - f'ings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth, as he ap - proach - es, with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb you shall be - hold,
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph lay be - fore him your shin - ing crowns of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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, gracious Lord.



A - men.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹This is the message that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²This will take place in the latter days:
The mountain of the LORD's house will be established
as the chief of the mountains.

It will be raised above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it like a river.

³Many peoples will come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob.

Then he will instruct us about his ways,
and we will walk in his paths.”

For from Zion the law will go out,
and the LORD's word will go out from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations,
and he will mediate for many peoples.

Then they will beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into blades for trimming vines.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation,
nor will they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come,
and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the gates; pre - pare your heart to be a
 4 Re - deem - er, come! We o - pen wide our hearts to
 5 E - ter - nal praise, un - end - ing fame we of - fer



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is
 rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for
 you; here, Lord, a - bide. O en - ter with your
 to your sav - ing name. Your Ho - ly Spir - it



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 grace di - vine and cause your face on us to shine.
 guide us on un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Tune: Psalmodia Evangelica, London, 1789, ed. Thomas Williams
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Second Reading

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds were saying, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

301 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, by the
3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the
4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as -
5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
Spir - it of our God was the Word of
vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the
cend - ed to the same, cap - tive lead - ing
God the Son, our King, praise to God the



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
Spir - it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Ambrose of Milan, 340–397, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–1876, alt.
Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, Wittenberg, 1524, ed. Johann Walter
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“Let Us Go Up to the Mountain of the LORD”

Stand

Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Be seated

Offering

May be left in the offering box in the
entryway or given online



Prayer of the Church

O Lord, establish your kingdom in this world by the proclamation of your Word that the nations may stream to you. Teach us your ways so that we may walk in your paths.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Lift up our heads and prepare our hearts as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, our heavenly King.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

All around us we see people walking in darkness, unaware of sin in the world or of your Son's coming, which is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Make us shine like lights in this dark world as we live by faith, empowered by your Spirit as he works in us with the Word.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

We thank you for those authorities, parents in the home, pastors, teachers and elders in the church who watch over our souls, and those in the government who have the responsibility of watching over the safety of our bodies. Keep them faithful in their tasks, bless them, and make them a blessing to us.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

We pray for those who wait for relief of sicknesses of body or mind, [especially...]. Give them patience as they hear the word of promise about your good purpose even in suffering. Heal, restore and relieve all pain and sorrow as it fits your gracious will and plan.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

O Lord, purify our consciences by your daily presence, that when your Son, our Lord comes, he may find in us a place prepared for himself; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

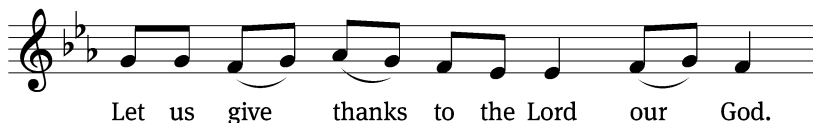
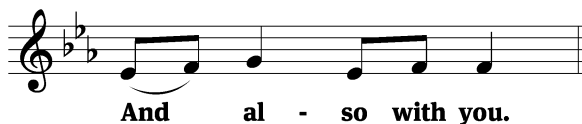
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The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts: heav'n 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, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est."

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
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Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

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

Be seated

To You, Our Dear Guests ...

Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church practices “**Close Communion**” as commanded by God’s Word (1 Corinthians 11:27; Romans 16:17). Those who are of our **close** fellowship—members in good standing of *our congregation* or those churches *in close fellowship with us* (WELS and ELS)—may commune at our altar. **We ask all others to meet with our pastor first before taking communion with us so he may teach you about this.** Please make an appointment to do so! Thank you for respecting our historic and Scriptural practice.



Distribution Hymn

303 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice



1 O bride of Christ, re-joice! Ex - ult - ant raise your voice
2 Let shouts of glad - ness rise tri - um - phant to the skies.
3 A hum - ble beast he rides, yet as a king pre - sides;
4 The weak and tim - id find how meek he is and kind;
5 Then go your Lord to meet, strew palm leaves at his feet,



to hail the day of glo - ry fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Now comes the King most glo - rious to reign o'er all vic - to - rious.
tho' not ar - rayed in splen - dor, he makes the grave sur - ren - der.
to them he gives a trea - sure of bliss be - yond all mea - sure.
your gar - ments spread be - fore him, and hon - or and a - dore him.



Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; with prais - es bow be - fore him!
Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; with prais - es bow be - fore him!
Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; with prais - es bow be - fore him!
Ho - san - na! Now a - dore him; with prais - es bow be - fore him!
Ho - san - na! Sing the sto - ry of Christ, the King of glo - ry!

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After all have communed, please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our
love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

915 Hosanna to the Living Lord

1 Hosanna to the living Lord!
Hosanna to th' incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,
let earth, let heav'n hosanna sing.

2 "Hosanna, Lord!" your angels cry;
"Hosanna, Lord!" your saints reply.
Throughout the earth, around your throne,
your people sing in sweetest tone.

3 O Savior, with protecting care
abide in this your house of prayer,
where we your parting promise claim,
assembled in your sacred name.

4 O Spirit, all our sins forgive,
and come within our hearts to live.
Our souls shall be your temple pure
and you will make our faith endure.

5 So, on that last and dreadful day,
when earth and heav'n shall melt away,
your flock, redeemed from sinful stain,
shall swell the sound of praise again.

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