

Opening Hymn

843 In the Midst of Earthly Life



1 In the midst of earth - ly life snares of death sur - round us;
 2 In the midst of death's dark vale pow'rs of hell o'er - take us;
 3 In the midst of ut - ter woe when our sins op - press us,



who shall help us in the strife lest the foe con - found us?
 who will help when they as - sail, who se - cure will make us?
 where shall we for ref - uge go, where for grace to bless us?



You on - ly, Lord, you on - ly! We mourn that we have great - ly
 You on - ly, Lord, you on - ly! Your heart is moved with ten - der -
 To you, Lord Je - sus, on - ly! Your pre - cious blood was shed to



erred, that our sins your wrath have stirred. Ho - ly and right - eous God!
 ness, pit - ies us in our dis - tress. Ho - ly and right - eous God!
 win full a - tone - ment for our sin. Ho - ly and right - eous God!



Ho - ly and might - y God! Ho - ly and all - mer - ci - ful
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Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us lest we per - ish
 Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Save us from the ter - ror
 Sav - ior! E - ter - nal Lord God! Lord, pre - serve and keep us



in the bit - ter pangs of death. Have mer - cy, O Lord!
 of the fi - ery pit of hell. Have mer - cy, O Lord!
 in the peace that faith can give. Have mer - cy, O Lord!

Stand

Invocation

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

Confession

CW 154

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.

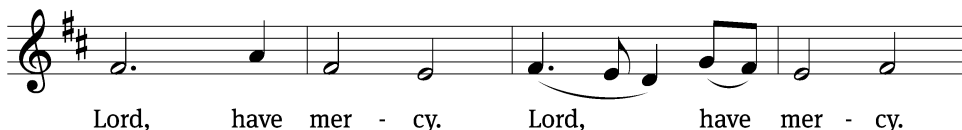
Silence for meditation and reflection

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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord Have Mercy *Kyrie*

CW 933



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive the forgiveness of sins, victory over the grave, and finally inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

2 Kings 4:17–37

¹⁷But the woman conceived, and she gave birth to a son at that same time of year, just as Elisha said to her.

¹⁸The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. ¹⁹Then he said to his father, “My head! My head!”

His father said to his servant, “Carry him to his mother.” ²⁰So he picked him up and carried him to his mother, and the boy sat on her lap until noon. Then he died.

²¹Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. ²²Then she called to her husband and said, “Send one of the servants to me with one of the donkeys, so that I can run to the man of God and come back.”

²³He said, “Why are you going to him today? It's not the new moon, and it's not the Sabbath.”

But she said, “It's all right.”

²⁴Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead the way. Don't slow down for me unless I tell you.”

²⁵So she went to the man of God at Mount Carmel.

When the man of God saw her from a distance, he said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! That's the woman from Shunem! ²⁶Now run to meet her and say, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your son all right?’”

She answered, “We're all right.”

²⁷Then she came to the man of God at the mountain, and she grasped his feet. Gehazi stepped forward to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone, for her soul is in distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me. He has not told me.”

²⁸Then she said, “Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn't I say, ‘Don't give me false hope?’”

²⁹Then Elisha said to Gehazi, “Hike up your garments for travel, and take my staff in your hand and go! If you meet someone, do not greet him, and if someone greets you, do not answer. Put my staff on the boy's face.”

³⁰But the boy's mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and your soul lives, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her. ³¹Gehazi went ahead of them and put the staff on the boy's face. But there was no sound, and there was no response. So he went back to Elisha and told him, “The boy did not wake up.”

³²When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. ³³So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. ³⁴He got up and lay down on top of the boy. He put his mouth to the boy's mouth, his eyes to the boy's eyes, his palms to the boy's

palms. Then he bent down over him, and the boy's flesh became warm. ³⁵He went back into the house and paced back and forth. Then he went up and bent down over him, and the boy sneezed seven times. Then the boy opened his eyes.

³⁶Then Elisha called Gehazi and said, "Call the woman of Shunem!" So he called her, and she came in. He said, "Pick up your son." ³⁷So she came in and fell at Elisha's feet and bowed down to the ground. Then she picked up her son and went out.

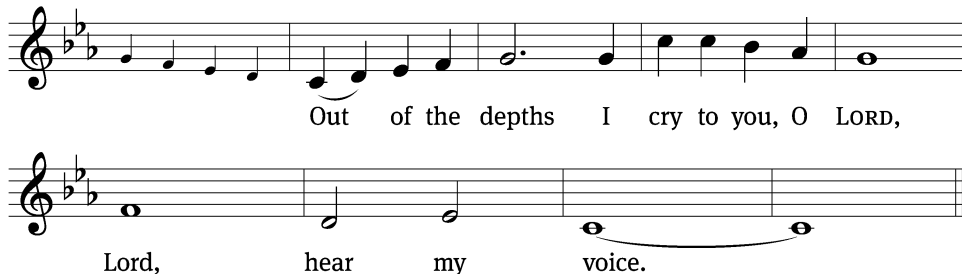
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130

Out of the Depths

Refrain



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD,
Lord, hear my voice.

Tone



Out / of the depths

I / cry to you, O LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Listen closely as I / call on you for help.

LORD, if you kept / track of sins,

O / Lord, then who could stand?

But with you there is for- / giveness,

in order / that you may be feared. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my / soul waits,
and in his / word I put my hope.
More than watchers wait for / morning
my / soul waits for the Lord.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,
for with the / LORD is faithful love;
with him is complete re- / demption.
He will redeem Israel from the / guilt of all their sins.

**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 for- / ever. Amen. Refrain**

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Second Reading

Romans 8:11–19

¹¹And if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit, who is dwelling in you.

¹²So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. ¹³For if you live in harmony with the sinful flesh, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live.

¹⁴Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery so that you are afraid again, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we call out, “Abba, Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God’s children.

¹⁷Now if we are children, we are also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, since we suffer with him, so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. ¹⁹In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25



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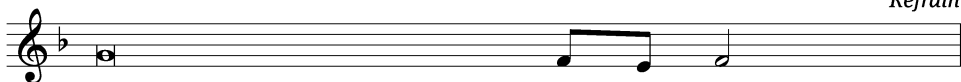


Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Tone



I am the resurrection and the life.



Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.

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Gospel

John 11:17–53

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother.

²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.”

²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

²⁴Martha replied, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the Last Day.”

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even if he dies. ²⁶And whoever lives and believes in me will never perish. Do you believe this?”

²⁷“Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.”

²⁸After she said this, Martha went back to call her sister Mary. She whispered, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

²⁹When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet gone into the village, but was still where Martha met him. ³¹The Jews who were with Mary in the house consoling her saw that she got up quickly and left. So they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled.

³⁴He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They told him, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵Jesus wept.

³⁶Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said.

Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, because it has been four days."

⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone.

Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

⁴⁴The man who had died came out with his feet and his hands bound with strips of linen and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus told them, "Loose him and let him go."

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him. ⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. They asked, "What are we going to do, because this man is doing many miraculous signs? ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him. Then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰You do not even consider that it is better for us that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.” ⁵¹He did not say this on his own, but, as high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, ⁵²and not only for that nation, but also in order to gather into one the scattered children of God.

⁵³So from that day on they plotted to kill him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

571 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, your liv - ing
 2 In blind re - volt we would not see that reb - el
 3 You came in - to our hall of death, O Christ, to
 4 O Spir - it, who did once re - store the church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote that life should be an aim - less
 wills wrought death and night. We seized and used in fear and
 breathe our poi - soned air, to drink for us the deep de -
 it might yet re - call the one who brings good news to



mote, a death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
 spite your won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
 spair that stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
 all: breathe on your clo - ven church once more



Your Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled in splen - dor
 We walled us in this house of doom, where death had
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod the road to
 that in these gray and lat - ter days there may be



through your bro - ken world; ere light a - woke and life be -
roy - al scope and room, un - til your ser - vant, Prince of
bring good news from God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that
those whose life is praise, each life a high dox - ol - o -



gan, you made for us a ho - ly plan.
Peace, broke down its walls for our re - lease.
bring good ti - dings of our sav - ing King!
gy un - to the ho - ly Trin - i - ty.

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Sermon

John 11:17–53

“If You Believe, You Will See the Glory of God”

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

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin
and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit,
keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what
the danger or the cost.**

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for... .] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Hear us as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

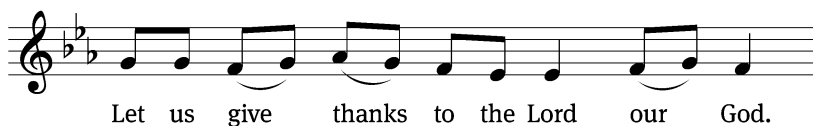
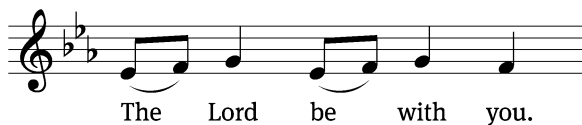


The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 165



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, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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*

CW 944



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'rand might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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."

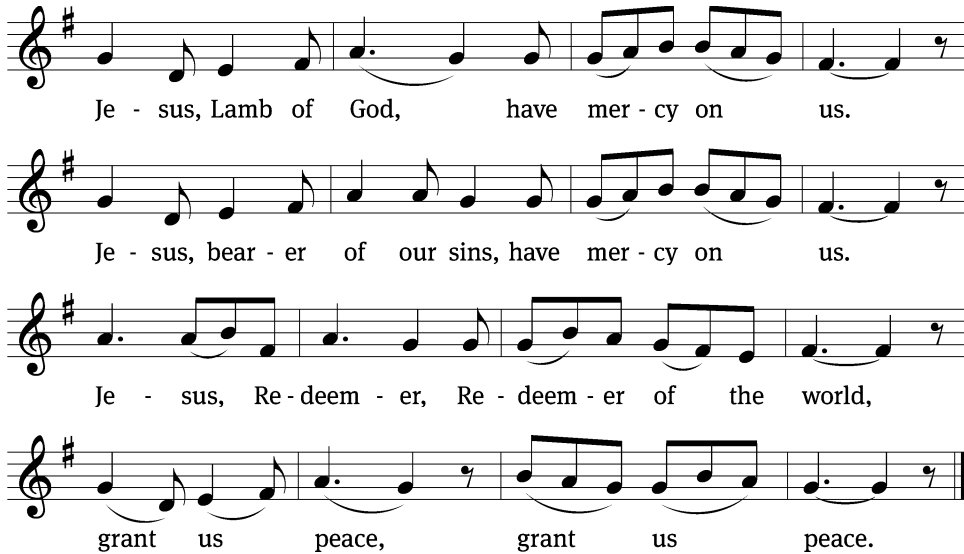
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The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

CW 946



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Be seated

To You, Our Dear Guests ...

Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church follows the ancient church practice of “**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

846 I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name



1 I know of a sleep in Je - sus' name, a rest from all
2 I know of a morn - ing, bright and fair when ti - dings of
3 God's Son to our graves then makes his way; his voice hear all
4 O Je - sus, draw near my dy - ing bed and take me in -



toil and sor - row; earth folds in her arms my wea - ry frame
joy shall wake us, when songs from on high shall fill the air
tribes and na - tions. The trum - pet of God will sound the day
to your keep - ing and say when my spir - it hence is fled,



and shel - ters it till the mor - row. My soul is at
and God to his glo - ry take us, when Je - sus shall
and shake all the earth's foun - da - tions. He calls out a -
"This child is not dead, but sleep - ing." And leave me not,



home with God in heav'n; my sor - rows are past and o - ver.
bid us rise from sleep; how joy - ous that hour of wak - ing!
loud, "O dead, come forth!" In glo - ry we rise to meet him.
Sav - ior, till I rise to praise you in life e - ter - nal.

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After all have communed, please stand

Thanksgiving

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

Proclamation

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

Post-Communion Prayer

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

700 Draw Us to Thee



1 Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy
2 Draw us to thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; let us de -
3 Draw us to thee; O grant that we may walk the
4 Draw us to thee that al - so we thy heav'n - ly
5 Draw us to thee un - ceas - ing - ly; in - to thy



steps for - ev - er and has - ten on where thou art
part with glad - ness that we may be for - ev - er
road to heav - en! Di - rect our way lest we should
bliss in - her - it and ev - er dwell where sin and
king - dom take us. Let us for - e'er thy glo - ry



gone to be with thee, dear Sav - ior.
free from sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
stray and from thy paths be driv - en.
hell no more can vex our spir - it.
share; thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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Holy Week

at
Our Saviour Lutheran Church



Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion

9 am Divine Communion Service
with the Reading of the
Passion History according to St. Matthew

Maundy (Holy) Thursday

6:30 pm Divine Communion Service

Good Friday

6:30 pm Tenebrae (Service of Darkness)

Easter Sunday

9 am Festival of the Resurrection
Divine Communion Service

10:15 am Easter Breakfast