



HOLY EUCHARIST  
*in celebration of*  
THE ASCENSION OF JESUS  
Joint Worship of the Erie Conference  
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# WELCOME!

This is the day the Lord has made, let us together rejoice and be glad in it!

~ **Luther Memorial Church and Academy and the congregations of the Erie Conference are located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Haudenosaunee, Mississauga, and Erie people**, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

~ Everything you need is in this bulletin, including hymns. You are invited to participate with the words in **bold type** marked with a **☐**.

**☐** Presiding Minister/Preacher

**☐** Dean

**☐** Assisting Minister

**☐** Congregation

~ **You don't need to disconnect here!** You don't need to turn off your phone, but please place it in silent mode. Feel free to take pictures—of our building, of worship, but ask permission for any people-pictures. We ask that you not use flash during this worship service. Post your favorite quote from the sermon or verse from a hymn...just be sure to *check in* and let your friends know where you are!

~ We welcome all of God's children **no matter your age**. Wiggles, dancing, and singing welcome! Together we raise a joyful noise.

~ **All-Gender and Accessible Restroom** may be found in the parlor on the other side of the altar wall. To get there, exit by door next to the pulpit, head up the ramp, and turn right into the parlor following signs to the "Handicap Restroom".

~ **Parking is not permitted in any of the lots directly across from the school on 11<sup>th</sup> Street**. Overflow parking is permitted in the Select Specialty lot on the west side of Myrtle Street.

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE – "Prelude & Fugue in E Minor"

Nicolaus Bruhns (1665 - 1697)

### WELCOME

*Please rise in body or spirit and face the baptismal font at the crossing.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- ☐ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the Great Exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
- ☐ For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
- ☐ For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
- ☐ For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
- ☐ For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
- ☐ For the One who turned water into wine and met a woman at the well with living water.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
- ☐ For Living Water poured out on all people, washing the eunuch and Philip and us alike.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**
- ☐ For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!
- ☑ **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☐ Let us pray:  
God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation...the risen Jesus, the Beloved of God.
- ☑ **Amen.**

*During the Gathering Hymn, the assembly is invited to stand and face the cross as it leads us into worship.*

### GATHERING HYMN

## Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
2. Come, lift your hearts on high; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;  
 He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll con - de - scend;  
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore His good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is His gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 His love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

WORDS: Christian H. Bateman, 1843

MUSIC: Traditional Spanish melody; arr. David Emlyn Evans, 1927

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## GREETING

- ☐ Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout!
- ☑ **The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia!**
- ☐ The grace of our risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ, the love of our ever-living God, and fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**




## CANTICLE OF PRAISE


*Refrain*



All This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!



High Voices 1. Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose  
 Low Voices 2. Pow- er, rich- es, wis- dom and strength, And  
 High Voices 3. Sing with all the peo- ple of God, And  
 High Voices 4. Bless- ing, hon- or, glo- ry, and might Be to  
 Low Voices 5. For the Lamb who was slain Has be-



blood set us free to be peo- ple of God. ... *refrain*  
 hon- or, bless- ing and glo- ry are his. ... *refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre- a- tion: ... *to verse 4*  
 God and the Lamb for- ev- er. A- men. ... *refrain*  
 gun his reign, Al- le- lu- ia! ... *final refrain*

*Final Refrain*



All This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Dignus est Agnus, tr. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray: Almighty God, ...one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

*You may be seated.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

## FIRST READING: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In the first writing, I worked on, Theophilus, everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day he instructed the apostles whom he had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up to heaven. Jesus presented himself to them, living, after his suffering through many convincing proofs, by appearing to them forty days and speaking about the reign of God. And staying with them, Jesus commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, rather to wait there for the promise of the Faithful God, “what you heard from me. For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from this one.” When the disciples came together, they asked Jesus, “Rabbi, is this the time when you will restore sovereignty to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the time or the seasons that the Sovereign God has set through divine authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And saying this as they were watching, Jesus was taken up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While they were gazing up toward heaven as Jesus was going, suddenly, two in white robes stood by them. They said, “Galileans, why are you standing looking up into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 25

*The psalm will be sung antiphonally. The pulpit side of the assembly will sing the regular text. The lectern side of the assembly will sing the **bold text**.*



To the CREATOR OF ALL belongs the earth and | all that fills her,  
the world, and those who | dwell in her.

**For God upon the seas has | founded her,  
and on the rivers has est- | ablished her.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the | HOLY ONE?

And who shall stand in God's | holy place?

**The one who has clean hands and pure hearts,  
who does not lift up their hands to | what is false,  
and does not swear deceitfully | on their souls.**

Instead they will lift up a blessing from the | FAITHFUL GOD,  
and what is right from the God of | their salvation.

**Such is the generation of those | who seek God,  
who seek the face of the God | of Rebekah.**

Lift up your heads, you gates!  
and be lifted up, you ever- | lasting doors!  
that the One of glory | may come in.

**Who is the One of glory?**

**The FIRE OF SINAI, | strong and mighty,  
the GOD WHO IS MAJESTY, might- | y in battle.**

Lift up your heads, you gates!  
and be lifted up, you ever- | lasting doors!  
that the One of glory | may come in.

**Who is this One of glory?**

**The COMMANDER of | heaven's legions,  
God is the | One of glory.**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 3:20-22

The Human One to the Church in Laodicea: "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and dine with you, and you with me. To the one who conquers, I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Abba on God's throne. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel.*

## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!"



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### GOSPEL: Luke 24:46-53

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.      **G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to them, "So it is written, the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Now look! I am sending you the promise of my Abba. You all stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, Jesus retreated from them and was carried up into heaven. And they bowed down and worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were in the temple every day blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**



### A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac-  
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es  
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
 lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673-735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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*You may be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Erik Young  
*St. Paul's*

*A time of silent reflection follows the sermon. As the music sounds, please rise in body or spirit to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

### Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands

1 Be - fore the An-cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and  
 2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in  
 3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the  
 bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and  
 hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his  
 prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and  
 thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and  
 glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -  
 serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions  
 pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,  
 ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.  
 clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence  
 Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the  
 you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the

of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and  
 tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -  
 great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -

might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.  
 claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.  
 main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

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## ΠΙΣΤΗΙΣ CREEED

**P** Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith of the Church:

**C** 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who 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.

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**A** Looking to the Risen and Ascended One as our mediator, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all of God's good creation.

... God in heaven,

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

*When invited with "For what else shall we pray?" you may offer prayers for names and needs dear to you.*

**A** Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers trusting in the mercy and grace shown through the Crucified, Risen, and Ascended One, Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

## PEACE

**P** The Peace of the risen and ascended Christ be with you all. **C** **And also with you.**

*We share a brief sign and greeting of peace in ways that are comfortable.*

*Please be mindful of others' comfort with touch.*

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING



*This evening's offering is designated for Bethany Outreach Center. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church and write "Ascension" in the Memo Line. Additionally, you may visit <https://bit.ly/LMCDonate> or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically. If you would like to ensure you are credited with giving by your home congregation, please use an envelope and identify your home congregation.*

ANTHEM – "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Rachel Aarons

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.*

*Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee;  
Joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see;  
Till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
Fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;  
More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.*

*Please rise in body or spirit as the gifts of bread and wine, as well as the offering received, are brought forward.*

## Hail Thee, Festival Day!

*Refrain*



Hail thee, fes - ti-val day! Blest day to be hal-lowed for - ev - er;



day when our Lord was raised, break-ing the king - dom of death.



1 He who was nailed to the cross is . .



rul - er and Lord of all peo - ple. All things cre -



at - ed on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:



2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the



glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en its gates now un -



bars, fling - ing its in - crease of light:

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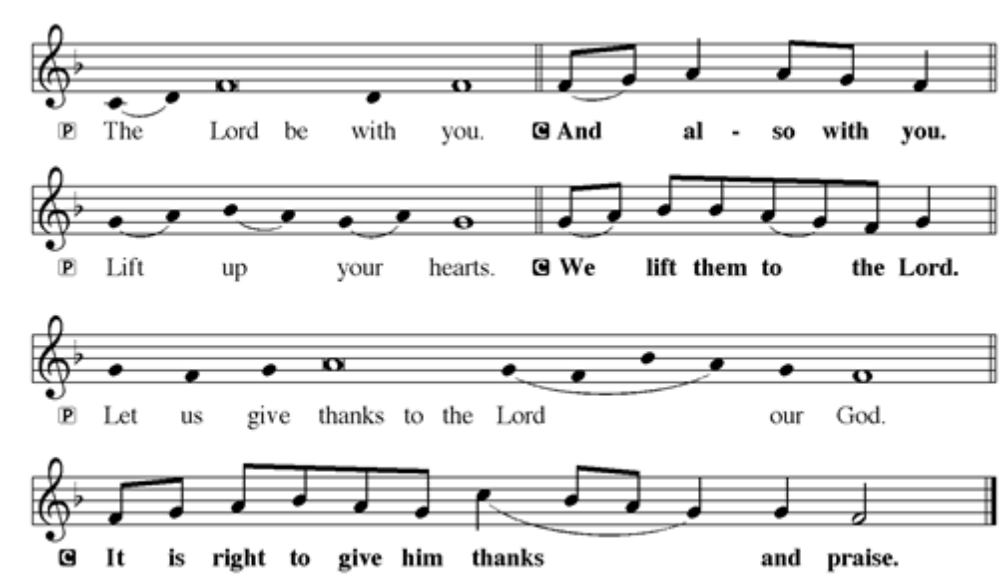
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### ☞ Let us pray:

Holy God, you abide with your creation and in Jesus Christ you gather us at your table. As you stayed with your disciples for an evening meal, so now stay with us. As we receive these gifts of bread and wine, open our hearts to share what we have received, the abiding love of Jesus, our risen Savior.

### ☞ Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  
DIALOG



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

Ⓐ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

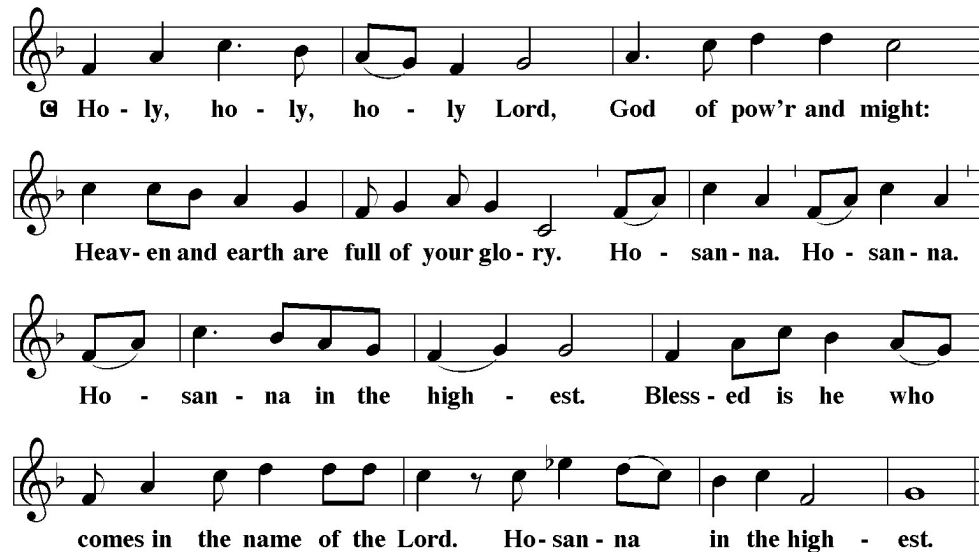
Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Ⓐ It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy... join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



☩ 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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Presiding Minister, on behalf of all, gives thanks for God's providence throughout time and especially for Bread and Wine. The assembly joins in the prayer as indicated:*

- Ⓐ As the shadows lengthen, we bless you, sheltering God...
- Ⓐ We glorify you...stay with us for it is evening.
- ☩ **Stay with us for it is evening.**
- Ⓐ Through the night...stay with us for it is evening.
- ☩ **Stay with us for it is evening.**

☐ In the night...Our hearts burn within us as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ Like a mother hen...come, Lord Jesus.

☑ **Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Come, Holy Spirit...come, Holy Spirit.

☑ **Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ To you, O God, painter of both night and day, guiding star and healing sun, breath of peace and wind of change, be all glory, all honor, all praise this night into the coming dawn, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

#### PAŦĒR PŦŦĒR

☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

☑ **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.**

#### ĪNVĪTĀŦĪŦ TO THE ŦABLE

☐ This is the table not of the righteous,...it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

☑ **Amen. We come.**

☐ Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.

*You may be seated.*

#### ŦHE COMMUNĪŦ

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!*

*We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

*Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle.*

*Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.*

*White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine.*


*Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know.*

*Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill.*


*As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray.*

*All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine,  
please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

## Joyful Is the Dark




*All* 1 Joy - ful is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God,  
*All* 2 Joy - ful is the dark, Spir - it of the deep,  
*Low Voices* 3 Joy - ful is the dark, shad - owed sta - ble floor;  
*High Voices* 4 Joy - ful is the dark, cool - ness of the tomb,  
*All* 5 Joy - ful is the dark, depth of love di - vine,



roll - ing cloud of night be - yond all nam - ing:  
 wing - ing wild - ly o'er the world's cre - a - tion,  
 an - gels flick - er, God on earth con - fess - ing,  
 wait - ing for the won - der of the morn - ing;  
 roar - ing, loom - ing thun - der - cloud of glo - ry,




maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er - gy of love,  
 silk - en sheen of mid - night plum - age black and bright,  
 as with ex - ul - ta - tion, Mar - y, giv - ing birth,  
 nev - er was that mid - night touched by dread and gloom:  
 ho - ly, haunt - ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing God.



Word - in - flesh, the mys - ter - y pro - claim - ing.  
 swoop - ing with the beau - ty of a ra - ven.  
 hails the in - fant cry of need and bless - ing.  
 dark - ness was the cra - dle of the dawn - ing.  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing and tell the sto - ry!

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## In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness



*All* 1 In a deep, un - bound - ed dark - ness, long be - fore the  
*Pulpit Side* 2 Though our world is ev - er - chang - ing, you are con - stant,  
*Lectern Side* 3 Joy trans - forms our lips to boast - ing on - ly in your  
*All* 4 God of Ha - gar, God of Sa - rah, God of no - mad



first light shone, you, O God, be - yond all mer - it  
 firm, and sure, faith - ful to your cov - 'nant prom - ise.  
 match - less grace, send - ing Christ to dwell a - mong us,  
 A - bra - ham; God of Mir - iam, God of Mo - ses,

worked a won - der faith makes known: in your mer - cy,  
 Trust - ing you, we live, se - cure: sing - ing prais - es,  
 Word made flesh in time and space: Friend and Sav - ior,  
 Fi - 'ry Pil - lar, great I AM: lead us home - ward,

in your mer - cy, you em - braced us  
 sing - ing prais - es, long as heart and  
 Friend and Sav - ior, in whose life we  
 lead us home - ward, to the love - feast

as your own,  
 breath en - dure, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 glimpse your face,  
 of the Lamb,

Text: Anonymous, China; tr. Francis P. Jones, 1890–1975; adapt. Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
 Music: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, Plainsong mode V, 13th cent.  
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### Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.  
 Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958  
 Text from *Songs of Praise* Enlarged Edition. © Oxford University Press 1931.  
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### TABLE BLESSING

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.

**C** Amen.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Let us pray:

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished here with Jesus Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C** Amen.

### SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

### BLESSING

**P** ...Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you this evening and always.

**C** Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

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*The assembly is invited to face the cross as it leads the assembly out of worship and into the world.*

### Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

All 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 High Voices 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 All 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 Low Voices 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 All 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.  
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

**DISMISSAL**

*The Assisting Minister sends the assembly out in mission.*

- A** Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout!
- C** The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE – "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

arr. Paul Manz

PLEASE JOIN IN A FESTIVE RECEPTION IN THE PARLOR.  
YOU MAY ACCESS THE PARLOR THROUGH EITHER DOOR AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH.

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— SERVING THIS EVENING —

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## HISTORY OF LUTHER MEMORIAL'S ASCENSION TAPESTRY

In 1928 the Cenchrain Circle of Luther Memorial asked the privilege of presenting a tapestry to hang on the wall above the altar. Judge William E. Hirt was planning a trip to New York and was requested to investigate the matter. At the Museum of Fine Arts he was directed to the Edgewater Beach Looms and there met the owner, Mr. Lauritz Kleiser, a Norwegian Lutheran. Mr. Kleiser came to Erie and, setting up his easel in the church, painted a small representation of the Ascension, the subject selected for the tapestry. This he took to his studios in New York where he reproduced it in a cartoon the size of the present tapestry. Over this, as a pattern, the weavers, all of them Belgians whose families had followed this vocation, wove the beautiful creation which hangs above the altar. The fabric is made of Australian wool and Japanese silk, the halos are 18k gold thread, and the colors are fadeless vegetable dyes. It was unveiled September 19, 1928 as a progressive memorial to the Cenchrain Circle.