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RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE



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## Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

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### WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here today or watching online, we are happy you have joined us.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience today easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation. If you prefer to use a physical hymnal or wish to see the songs in four-part harmony, there are hymnals available in the pew stands.

**Today's order of service follows Setting Three which begins on page 188 in the hymnal.**

### FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Altar Flowers:** Today's bouquet is given to the glory of God by Marcia Stavang in loving memory of her mother, Margaret Frederick.

**Voters Meeting:** We will be having a special voters meeting **today** right before Bible Study, to have voters approve the proposed surplus spending. You can find more information about the surplus posted outside Pastor's office.

**Youth Rally Fundraiser:** Our Youth Group is selling Shepherd of the Hills shirts to help raise money to attend the 2026 WELS International Youth Rally! Please stop by their table in the entryway following the service for more information.

**Women's Bible Study:** Please join us for an evening of fellowship and study of God's Word on **Tuesday, March 24 at 6 pm** at the church. We will begin a new study on the Minor Prophets of the Bible. We hope you can join us!

**Men's Fellowship:** Please join us for the March Men's Fellowship event on **Tuesday, March 24th**. This month, we'll meet at Crooked Pint at **6:30pm**. No need to RSVP. Just come and enjoy fellowship with your fellow brothers in Christ.

**Women's Book Club:** We will start our new book, "Zechariah, Haggai, & Malachi" by John MacArthur on **April 6th** & meet for dinner & review on **Monday, July 13th at 6pm**. Please let Kely Dunsmoor ([kjdunsmoor@gmail.com](mailto:kjdunsmoor@gmail.com)) if you plan to join.

**Holy Week Schedule:** Please join us for services on **Palm Sunday** March 29th, at 2:00pm, **Maundy Thursday** April 2nd, at 7:00pm, **Good Friday** April 3rd, at 7:00pm, **Easter Sunday** April 5th with breakfast at 7:00am and the service at 9:00am.

**VBS Planning Meeting:** We will be having another planning meeting for VBS on **Sunday, March 29th at 1:00pm**.

*For more announcements and event information, visit the church website at [www.dulutheran.org/events](http://www.dulutheran.org/events) or sign up for our weekly email at [www.dulutheran.org/subscribe](http://www.dulutheran.org/subscribe). You can also view the church calendar at [www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar](http://www.dulutheran.org/church-calendar).*



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.

*Stand*

## INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION

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

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

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: 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*

## ABSOLUTION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

### Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



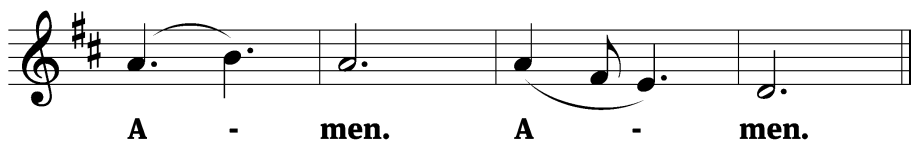
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## ✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

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### FIRST READING

*2 Kings 4:17–37*

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

<sup>18</sup>The boy grew up, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. <sup>19</sup>Then he said to his father, "My head! My head!"

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

<sup>21</sup>Then she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God. She shut the door behind her and went out. <sup>22</sup>Then 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."

<sup>23</sup>He 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."

<sup>24</sup>Then she saddled the donkey and said to her servant, "Lead the way. Don't slow down for me unless I tell you."

<sup>25</sup>So 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! <sup>26</sup>Now 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."

<sup>27</sup>Then 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."

<sup>28</sup>Then she said, "Did I ask my lord for a son? Didn't I say, 'Don't give me false hope?'"

<sup>29</sup>Then 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."

<sup>30</sup>But 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. <sup>31</sup>Gehazi 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."

<sup>32</sup>When Elisha came to the house, there the boy was—dead, lying on his bed. <sup>33</sup>So he went in and he shut the door behind the two of them. Then he prayed to the LORD. <sup>34</sup>He 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. <sup>35</sup>He 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.

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

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ADULT & YOUTH CHOIRS: Lamb of God

*Words & Music by: Twila Paris*

*Arranged by: Lloyd Larson*

Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
but you have sent him from your side  
to walk upon this guilty sod,  
and to become the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified,  
they laughed and scored him as he died,  
the humble King they named a fraud,  
and sacrificed the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in his precious blood.  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

I was so lost I should have died,  
but you have brought me to your side  
to be led by your staff and rod,  
and to be called a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in his precious blood,  
til I am just a lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God;  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in his precious blood,  
(precious blood, Lamb of God,)  
til I am just a lamb of God.

## SECOND READING

*Romans 8:11–19*

<sup>11</sup>And 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.

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we do not owe it to the sinful flesh to live in harmony with it. <sup>13</sup>For 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.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For 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!" <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself joins our spirit in testifying that we are God's children.

<sup>17</sup>Now 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.

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

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*John 11:25*



### *Refrain*



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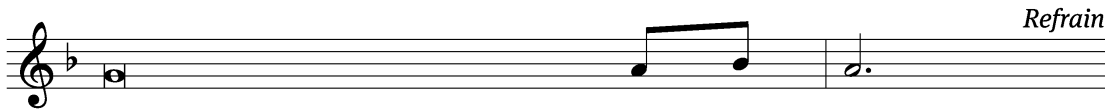


Glo - ry and praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

### *Tone*



I am the resurrection and the life.



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

## GOSPEL

*John 11:17–27,38–45*

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. <sup>19</sup>Many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him, while Mary was sitting in the house.

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

<sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

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

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

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

<sup>38</sup>Jesus was deeply moved again as he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>“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.”

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

Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup>I 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.” <sup>43</sup>After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

<sup>44</sup>The 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.”

<sup>45</sup>Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children up through 5th grade are invited to come up to the altar steps and sit for a special devotion with Pastor Warskow. This service segment is intended to engage the children to help them understand today's message. They will return to their seats afterward.

## HYMN OF THE DAY: O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

CW 571



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.

✘ THE MESSAGE ✘

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Jesus Is the Resurrection and the Life

John 11:17-27, 38-45

*Stand*

CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

*The Nicene Creed*

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**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 fully 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*

WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, scan the QR code here or visit our website: [www.duluth.org](http://www.duluth.org) and click on the "GIVE" tab.*

*Stand*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

**C:** We confess that without your love we are lost.

**P:** 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.

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

P: 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.

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

P: 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. Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

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

P: 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.

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

P: Hear us as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

*The order of service can be found on page 199 in the hymnal.*

*Personal preparation and self-examination can be found on pages 295 and 296 in the hymnal.*

P: The Lord be with you.



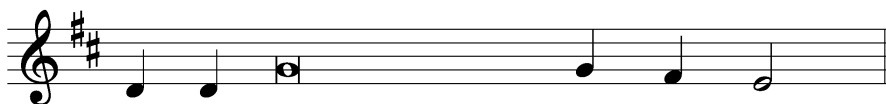
**And al - so with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: 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

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
 heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin. We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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

P: 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  $\times$  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  $\times$  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.

C: Amen.

## Lamb of God

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Christ's true body and blood for our forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith. It is our practice that only those who are members of Shepherd of the Hills or members of another WELS congregation come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are a visitor from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper this afternoon. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Warskow after the service.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of  
2 Thou, ah! Thou hast tak - en on thee bonds and stripes, a  
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly that my wounds might  
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round thee, treat - ing thee with



death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing  
cru - el rod; pain and scorn were heaped up - on thee,  
all be whole; thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,  
cru - el scorn, and with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.



to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,  
O thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst thou my  
rest to give my wea - ry soul; yea, the curse of  
All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne that as thine thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.  
soul de - liv - er from the bonds of sin for - ev - er.  
God en - dur - ing, bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.  
might - est own me and with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.  
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Additional stanzas printed on the next page.

5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee  
 that from pain I might be free;  
 falsely did thy foes accuse thee:  
 thence I gain security.  
 Comfortless thy soul did languish  
 me to comfort in my anguish.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 dearest Jesus, unto thee.

7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,  
 for thy sorrows deep and sore,  
 for thine anguish in the garden,  
 I will thank thee evermore,  
 thank thee for thy groaning, sighing,  
 for thy bleeding and thy dying,  
 for that last triumphant cry  
 and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction  
 and hast borne it patiently,  
 even death by crucifixion,  
 fully to atone for me.  
 Thou didst choose to be tormented  
 that my doom should be prevented.  
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
 dearest Jesus, unto thee.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

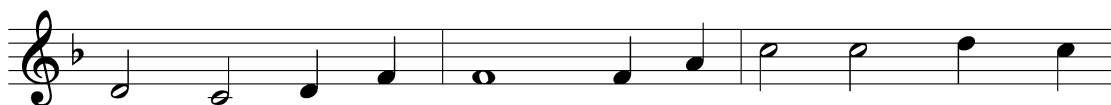
CW 517



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness with a lib - er -  
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren with a strong, yet  
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; praise the one who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing  
 gen - tle, word; praise the one who drove out de - mons with the  
 in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we



blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the one who preached the  
 pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool  
 may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, calm - ing  
 wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand; from this  
 glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us



storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
 well comes liv - ing wa - ter, quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

## THANKSGIVING

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: Children of the Heavenly Father

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; in his  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he  
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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