

Festival of Our Lord's Ascension

June 1, 2025

Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS *We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.*

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever **and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

We stand **OPENING HYMN**

#855

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

vv1-4

✠BRIEF RITE FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS✠

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

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.

1John 1:8-9

Most merciful God... **we confess that we are born captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you- who believe and repent- of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

✠HOLY COMMUNION✠

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

LITANY

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, Have Mercy

5PM Spoken

2 Corinthians 13:13



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



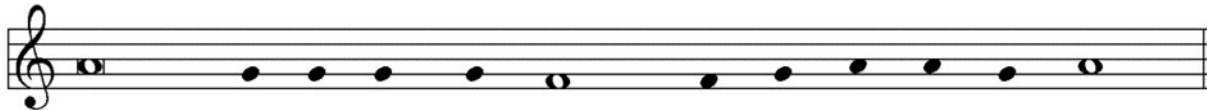
A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



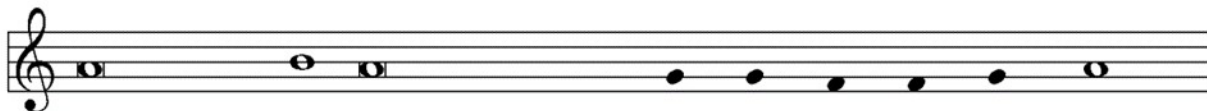
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray... Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: MATTHEW 28:19-20

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11, 15-26

[Luke writes:] ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶ Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus — ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ For it is written in the book of Psalms, 'Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it'; and 'Let another take his position of overseer.'

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 47

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.

² **For the LORD Most High is to be feared;
he is the great king over all the earth.**

³ He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.

⁴ **He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is King of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.

⁸ **God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.**

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.

¹⁰ **The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**



GOSPEL READING: LUKE 24:44-53

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴ [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

#655

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

w1-4

We sit. SERMON

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

Looking Up
Step Up!

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

*means whole, entire Christi

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, Savior of the world! We worship and adore you. We kneel before your majesty. Yet you take us by the hand and invite us to your marriage supper. You make us your Bride and your Body. You pray for us, and promise us your own inheritance. You commission us to proclaim the Gospel to the world. You give us your own work of forgiving sins. All we can do is pray, Amen, come, Lord Jesus!

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite all who confess your Name into your Body, as your one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Fill it with your Spirit. May it faithfully proclaim the gospel of repentance and forgiveness to the whole world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bestow upon your persecuted Church the fullness of their glorious inheritance, won for them through your own suffering, death, and resurrection. Cause their tormentors to repent and to turn to you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless this congregation. Tune our hearts to sing your praise and to do your will. Use us to draw others into the blest communion and fellowship divine that you share with the Father and Holy Spirit. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism. We have received our Church insurance quote for the year and we thank you, Lord, the increase was lower than what we were expecting. We also thank you for the much-needed rains we have received.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all who gave their lives for their country, in service of liberty and justice for all. Thank you for their great sacrifice. May it not be in vain. Thank you for everyone who risks life and health in defense of others. Heal those who are wounded in body, mind, or spirit. Help us to honor and assist them. And we urgently pray: bring the whole world to that glorious day when war will be no more.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As *you* prayed for your followers, *we* pray for the world, its rulers, and its people, especially in this land. Bestow peace and unity in places of injustice and violence. Turn the hearts of many to seek and work for those things that please your heavenly Father. Equip them to bring a measure of health, hope and justice to all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We plead for all who endure the evils that afflict bodies, minds, and hearts. Today we pray for: {List}. Assure them of your presence, so that they believe and know that they dwell in you, and you in them.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to the right hand of your Father. You promise your life to all whom you have saved. Therefore we confidently entrust into your care our beloved dead. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Wipe away the tears of all who grieve. Dwell with us and in us. Draw us closer to each other as you lead us to your Father's embrace. Give us your Spirit, to prepare us for your wedding-supper. Hasten the day when we celebrate that eternal feast with all the people whom you have redeemed.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant whatever is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you live in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.**

We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."

We sit. OFFERING, OFFERTORY SONG & PRAYER- *Giving back to God*



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We stand #884

“Praise God”

tune #883

A musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system of music is for the first line of lyrics, and the second system is for the second line. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block notes and stems.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:

5PM SPOKEN

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

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth... as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

We sit. INVITATION TO COMMUNION

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.

(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMN

#195

"Lamb of God"


John 1:29

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff begins with a repeat sign. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line.


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 peace, grant us peace.

We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER
May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. **Amen.**


“Thank the Lord” 9AM ONLY *p*92




☛ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Silence is kept for reflection.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

#826

“Thine the Amen”

*w*1-4

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church"
by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

TODAY Next Steps Worship Assistant training 10:30 am -12:30 pm

NEW UPDATE AS OF 5/27/25: Cereals Collected: 2- 24oz, 2- 20.35oz, 2-16.6oz, 5-13.3oz, 2-12oz, 2-7.9oz; Juices 3-96oz & 2-64oz. A total of 20 items collected. Our drive continues through July, so your additional donations will be appreciated!

MANNA FOOD PANTRY DRIVE: Social Ministry will be holding a Food Drive for the Manna Food Pantry until July. The Pantry is in desperate need of cereal and juice. If you would like to contribute, a box in the Narthex and one by the elevator will be available for your donations. Thank you in advance!

Wednesday, June 11th Lifeline Screening will be in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please see Kari in the office.

Wednesday, June 11th Forgiveness & Healing Service at 6:00 pm

Sunday, June 15th "Happy Father's Day" bring a man for a special service, "Get Smart Sunday"

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Festival of Our Lord's Ascension June 1, 2025

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

This Weekend June 1

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Tammy Garner

Communion Set Up: Stephanie Foeh

Communion Clean Up: Mary Schroeder

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Dr. Wesley McAda, Shannon DeForest, Aaron Henke

Acolytes: Kaylie Hotz & Emilie Hotz

Power Point Sunday: Sharyn Sullivan

Altar Flowers given by: The Adee Family in thankfulness for all of God's Blessings

Radio Ministry given by: **OPEN**

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Aileen Peck

Communion Clean Up: Aileen Peck

This Week @ St. Peter

Sun June 1, 9:00 am Worship Service (*LAMB Sunday*), 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 Adult Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

Mon June 2, 1:00 pm Quilting, 6:00 pm Bingo Committee Meeting

Tue June 3, 9:30 am Nursing Home Service, 6:00 pm Learning Commission,
7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thu June 5, 7:00 pm AA/Al-Anon

Sat June 7, FH Rental

Sun June 8, 9:00 am Worship Service, 10:00 am Coffee Time,
10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, 5:00 pm Worship Service

Our Prayer List:– Requests listed 4 weeks under *Concerns For unless otherwise requested.*

Ky Lange, Cooper Kirkland, James Kubecka, Wayne Briscoe, Charles Hotz, Cherri Fryer,
Charlotte Murphy, Ms. Alberta, Kay Rother, Will Pence, Chandler Rainosek

Extended concerns: Requests listed 9 months unless otherwise requested.

Oleen Covey, Gracie Isbell, Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett,
Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon,
Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (*Missionary in Ghana*)

Other Concerns: first responders (*military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical*), Safe House Church (*Hallettsville*);

San Miguel (*Ft. Worth*) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Trump, our country

Grieving Families of: Joseph Benbenik, Gary Muehr, Elliette Mae Kocian, Darlene Kastner,
Jordan Ramirez, Bernadette Bludau, Percy Spradlin, Kim Fowlkes, Jean Niemietz,
Steve Kutach, Emmanuel Velasquez, Michelle Greenwell, Michelle Goranson, Andy Seay,
Howard & Dean Loewe

We are thankful for the rains we have received this week!

Prayer for Rain: Our land is desperate for rain. As you pray in the days ahead for the showers only GOD is able to provide, you might find it encouraging to pray the promises of the Bible regarding rain. Isaiah 55:10-11 *"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so My Word goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it."*

Serving Next Weekend: June 8

Sunday AM: *Assisting:* Sophie Teltschik

Communion Set Up: Linda Smith

Communion Clean Up: Barb Grindeland

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Dr. Wesley McAda, Shannon DeForest, Luther Lorfin, Aaron Henke

Acolytes: Syllas Stacy & Cole Kocian

Power Point Sunday: Judy Drozd

Altar Flowers given by: **OPEN**

Radio Ministry given by: Matthew & Martha Bludau in celebration of Emilie Hotz's 18th Birthday

Sunday PM: *Assisting:* Daniel Drozd

Communion Clean Up: Daniel Drozd

SAVE THE DATES IN JULY:

July 14-16 St. Peter VBS "Epic Australian Adventure"

Thursday, July 17 5:00 pm Worship Meeting

ENTRANCE HYMN (ELW) *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (ELW 855)

Text by Matthew Bridges; Music by George J. Elvy

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

2 Crown him the virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose,
yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown him the Lord of love--
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

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HYMN OF THE DAY (ELW) *Son of God, Eternal Savior* (ELW 655)

Text by Somerset C. Lowry; Music by Julius Röntgen

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

CLOSING HYMN (ELW) *Thine the Amen* (ELW 826)

Text by Herbert F. Brokering; Music by Carl F. Schalk

1 Thine the amen thine the praise
alleluias angels raise
thine the everlasting head
thine the breaking of the bread
thine the glory thine the story
thine the harvest then the cup
thine the vineyard then the cup
is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally
thine the promise let there be
thine the vision thine the tree
all the earth on bended knee
gone the nailing gone the railing
gone the pleading gone the cry
gone the sighing gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly thine the yes
thine the table we the guest
thine the mercy all from thee
thine the glory yet to be
then the ringing and the singing
then the end of all the war
thine the living thine the loving
evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom thine the prize
thine the wonder full surprise
thine the banquet then the praise
then the justice of thy ways
thine the glory thine the story
then the welcome to the least
then the wonder all increasing
at thy feast at thy feast.