#### +++ THE GUIDE +++ ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-STRASBURG ILLINOIS

<u>April 27, 2025</u>	Se	cond Sunday of Easter -Confirmation
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Greeter	Otto & Lisa Rincker	

#### THIS WEEK WITH THE LORD

SUN.	8:30 AM Communion Service-Confirmation
	9:30 AM Voter's meeting
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
	10:30 AM Worship Service @ Grace
	5:30 Worship Service @ Grace
TUE.	9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
WED.	8:30 AM Chair Yoga
	6:30-8PM WDS
THURS.	1:30 PM Ladies Aid
SUN.	8:30 AM Worship Service
	9:30 AM SS, Alpha, W.L.S., H.S. College+
	10:30 Worship Service @ Grace
	5:30 PM Worship Service @ Grace
	6:30 PM Bible Trivia
	April 20 8:30: 203 Year Ago: 120 Sunday School: N/A

**Welcome** After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate many responses: not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion. Welcome to worship — no matter where you are on your faith journey. *If you* are *a visitor, we invite you to worship with us again and to please sign our guestbook*.

**WDS Picnic** The WDS picnic, closing program, and play time will be on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm. If you would like to attend there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Lost & Found** There is a 3XL Swiss Tech coat hanging in the narthex at Grace Church.

**The Lutheran Ladies Aid of Strasburg** are collecting items for St. John's Effingham Food Pantry. A box with a list of items needed will be in the narthex through May 4<sup>th</sup>. All donations would be appreciated

**Thank You** to the Elders and their families for serving Easter breakfast! A special thank you to Autumn, Lori, and Laurie. We also thank Olivia Telgmann for the awesome backdrop and balloon display in the Narthex. Olivia has a small business named O-ver the Top Events that serves clients for parties and other events. Thank you Olivia for the beautiful display.

FOR THE LORD'S WORK						
CURRENT OFFERINGS	\$	TO MEET YEARLY	BUDGET \$ RECEIVED	\$ DIFFERENCE		
Apr 17-20	\$	3,971.00	\$ 9,067.00	\$ 5,096.00		
year-to-date	\$	59,536.00	\$ 61,141.00	\$ 1,605.00		
Synod-Offerings						
Apr 17-20	\$	481.00	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 539.00		
year-to-date	\$	7,696.00	\$10 <b>,</b> 785.00	\$ 3,089.00		
TRINITY GOAL-\$10,000			Total t	o Date \$3,305.00		
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Building \$325 Trinity \$50 Sem. Student \$175 LYF \$25

Apr 17 & 18 \$1,796.00 Apr 20 \$ 3,285.00 Apr 20 \$ 5,581.00

5/6	9:00 AM Morning Bible Study
5/7	8:30 AM Chair Yoga
	6:00-7:00 PM WDS Picnic
5/8	8:30 AM Blanket Making



**Confirmation Sunday** Those being confirmed this morning are: Lorelei McCormick, daughter of Heath & Autumn McCormick, Bryce Rincker, son of Mike & Laurie Rincker and Noah Vonderheide, son of Bryan & Allison Vonderheide. God's Blessings Lorelei, Bryce and Noah.

**Walking for St. Paul's** We have received two suggestions for the \$250 gift card through Thrivent for the 5000+ miles our members walked. The suggestions are: Donate to a Food Bank or purchase a Portable Pickle Ball Net. Please let Jim Weiss or the church secretary know which one you would like the gift card to be used for.

**<u>Voter's Meeting</u>** The voter's meeting will be after church today. The Agenda and Minutes are available in the narthex.

**Holy Week Service Videos** All of the services for Holy Week are available to watch on our church YouTube channel. The Easter Vigil service was unique in that there was no sermon. The QR Code above can be used to go directly to the channel. On your phone or device open the camera and point it at the QR Code. A link will pop up that will take you to the channel.

**Monarch Jewelry** Mark your calendars for the June 7 Monarch Jewelry event at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8<sup>th</sup> & Fillmore Streets, Vandalia II. Shop from 11:30-1:30, a free light lunch will be provided and there will be a presentation about the organization at 12:30. Monarch Jewelry raises money to aid in the search and rescue of people sold into human trafficking as well as counseling and a safe house for those rescued. Monarch takes old jewelry and creates new jewelry and decorations. The organization works out of Faith Lutheran Church in Oakville, MO (Kaitlyn Kramer-Sharma, Kevin & Chris Kramer's niece, is a member and is involved in this mission) Donations of unused jewelry of any kind and quality will be accepted at this event. https://monarchjewelry.org/shop/



ANNIVERSARIES 30-Alan\* & Courtney Koch Chris & Sue Bowers BIRTHDAYS 30-Richard Stremming; Donna Rincker; Troy Salazar Jr. 2-Troy Salazar 3-Claire Logue; Caroline Polk

#### **HOUSEHOLDS OF THE WEEK**

Chris & Sue Bowers, Tanner & Caroline Bowers, Mary Lou & Gary Brehmer, Jennifer Buening, Sandy Bugenhagen, Carol & Lou Camilotto, Jim & Phyllis Weiss, Lauren & Luke Wetherell, Lynn & Denise (Aaron) White, Jeanne Wildman, Brad & Brea Wirth

#### CALL DAY 2025 for St. Paul's Adopted Students

Both seminaries of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are preparing for their annual assignment and call services.

Adopted Seminarian Hunter Kinnison is a 2nd year student at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN, and he will receive a vicarage assignment for his 3rd year of study. The Vicarage Internship Assignment Service is Monday, April 28 at 7 p.m. The service will be livestreamed on CTSFW's Call Day (ctsfw.edu/callday) and You Tube pages. After the service at Fort Wayne, full lists of assignments and calls, along with photos of students and placement map will be posted at ctsfw.edu/callday.

Adopted Seminarian Micah Brown is a student at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, and will be receiving a pastoral assignment. The Assignment of Calls Service will be Wednesday, April 30 at 7 p.m. The service will be livestreamed at <u>csl.edu/live</u> as well as on the seminary's Facebook and YouTube pages. For more details and a complete listing of assignments and calls following the services at St. Louis, visit <u>csl.edu/call-day</u>

# **PRAYER**

Dianna Gibson Anna Nick Hanfland Kenc Frances York Way Robert Pfeiffer Rone Margaret Swank Nick Beulah Ulmer Clay Karla Tabbert Mark Cathryn Stremming

Anna Schlechte Kendall Fulk Wayne Wirth Ronda Schlechte Nick Oller Clay Tabbert Mark Richards

# LIMITED MOBILITY

Rose Schlechte- StoneBridge Robert Stremming Imogene Lading – Villas of Holly Brook Bill Orr Rosemary Sporleder-Brookstone Mattoon Mildred Rincker – Heartland, Neoga Doris Stremming – Willowbrook, Effingham Margaret Swank – Willowbrook Effingham

#### FRIENDS & FAMILY (non-members)

Ken Daily (Karen Pfeiffer's father) stroke Zona Doty ( Health) Walker Warden (cancer) Christie Dust ( Howard & Kay's daughter) (Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis) Laikyn Bauer (Digeorge syndrome) Matt Durbin Ivan Crutcher (cancer, Karen Rentfro's uncle)

#### Adopted Seminary Students 2024-25 4<sup>TH</sup> Year Student

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2<sup>nd</sup> Year Student Hunter Kinnison (Wife Naomi) 6600 North Clinton St., Box 194 Fort Wayne, IN 46825

2024-25 Vicar assignment at Concordia Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN Joshua Gerken (Wife Rachel, son Callan) 5418 Brighton Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46825

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter/Confirmation – Setting Four

#### Thine Forever, God of Love

- 1 Thine forever, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne above; Thine forever may we be Here and in eternity!
- 2 Thine forever! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest! Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend, O defend us to the end!
- 3 Thine forever, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earthly strife. Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
- 4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep These Thy frail and trembling sheep; Safe alone beneath Thy care, Let us all Thy goodness share.
- 5 Thine forever! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee supplied, All our sins by Thee forgiv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n. Text: Mary F. Maude, 1819–1913 Text: Public domain

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **c** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of

God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

# C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Int	ntroit Psalm	Psalm 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3	
Ку	Kyrie	LSB 204	
С	<i>C</i> Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have	e mercy.	
Glo	Gloria in Excelsis	LSB 204	
С	1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the elements	earth;	
	Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at J We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy no Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, ou	ame, we sing—	
	2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we	e pray;	
	O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins	away.	
	Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfel	lt cry,	
	Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right	t hand on high—	
	3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.		
	Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adore	d;	
	You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most	High,	
	In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad r Text: Stephen P. Starke	eply.	
Sa	Salutation and Collect of the Day		

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

# P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## **First Reading**

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## **Alleluia and Verse**

*C* Alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

# **Holy Gospel**

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

## The Gospel is Read

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made

Acts 5:12-20

Revelation 1:4–18

John 20:19–31

man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

# **O** Sons and Daughters of the King

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see, Who sits and speaks unto the three, "Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night the\_apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Text: Public domain

Sermon Acts 5:12-20 "All the Words of this Life"

## O Sons and Daughters of the King

- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Text: Public domain

# Confirmation

# The pastor addresses the catechumens.

- P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and Io, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R **Yes, I do.**
- P Do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- P Do you renounce all his works?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce all his ways?
- R **Yes, I renounce them.**

- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- R Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- R Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- R Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R **I do.**
- P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R *I do*.
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R I do, by the grace of God.

- P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C Amen.

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

- P [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life T everlasting.
- R Amen.
- P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life

immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- P Peace T be with you.
- C Amen.

# **Prayer of the Church**

## Preface

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- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also 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.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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 C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Text: Stephen P. Starke

# Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

# Lord's Prayer

C 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.

# The Words of Our Lord

## Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

## **Agnus Dei**

- C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
   O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
  - 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray. Text: Stephen P. Starke

# Distribution

#### He's Risen, He's Risen

- He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
   He opened death's prison, the\_incarnate, true Word.
   Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
   And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
  The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
  In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
  For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
   And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
   The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
   He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
   Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
   For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
   Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
   Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
   With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.
   Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87, abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867–1941, alt.
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# Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

 Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done; Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun. My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

- The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;
   But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.
   For Christ again is free; In glorious victory
   He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.
- This is a sight that gladdens—What peace it doth impart!
   Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
   No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
   The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
- Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow'r are shorn; Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
   Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul affright; It is a pow'rless form, Howe'er it rave and storm.
- 5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.
- Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;
   My Lord will leave me never, Whate'er He passes through.
   He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
   He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.
- He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,
   Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:
   "Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;
   Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified."
   Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76; tr. John Kelly, 1833-90, alt. Text: Public domain

#### All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

- All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
   Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
   Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
- Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
   Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
   Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
  Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
- 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call, The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
   The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
- 5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
  Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
  Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
   To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
   To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
- Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
   We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
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   Text (sts. 1-5): Edward Perronet, 1726-92, alt.; (sts. 6-7): A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt. Text: Public domain

# **Nunc Dimittis**

- C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill, The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.
  - 2 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

# **Post-Communion Collect**

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# Benedicamus

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

P 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 T give you peace.

C Amen.

## The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the victor's triumph won; Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
   Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
   Alleluia!
- The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead.
   All glory to our risen Head!
   Alleluia!

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- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell; The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
   Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
   Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants free That we may live and sing to Thee.

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Next Week's Readings - Acts 9:1-22, Revelation 5:8-14, John 21:1-14

This Week's Memory Verse – Acts 5:19-20 "<sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

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