



While Jesus
was blessing
them,
he parted
from them
and was
taken up
into heaven.

So they
worshipped
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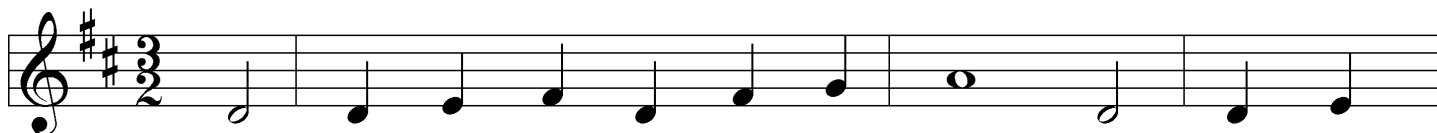
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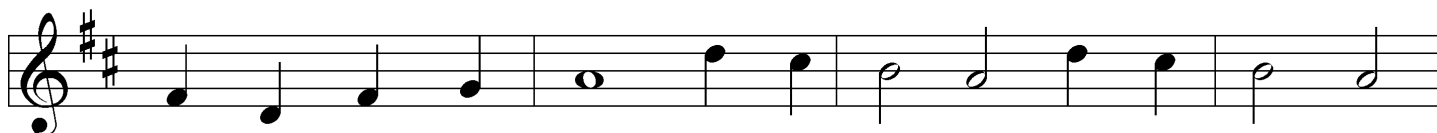
Christ rules all things for his Church.

HYMN 171

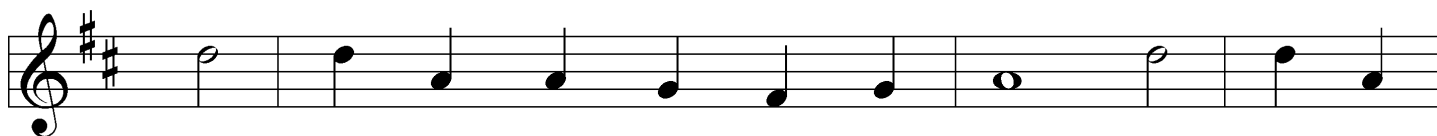
"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"



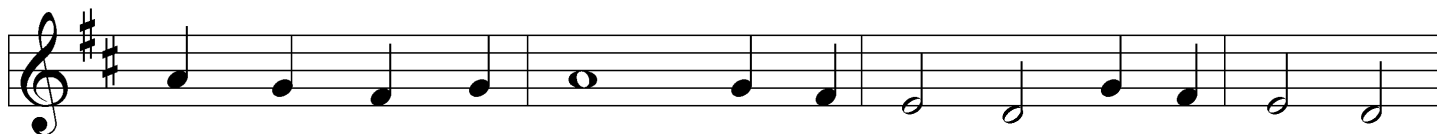
1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through -
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the
5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un -
And with his fol - low - ers they see Their Lord as -
"This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his
"Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing
Then, throned with you for - ev - er, we Shall praise your



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: The Venerable Bede, 673–735, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (888 888 with Alleluias) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

Please stand

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us. Amen.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory!**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer; receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.**

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

Glory to God, glory to God!

Be seated

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON Esther 6

Esther is unique as it makes no mention of God, yet the book clearly shows the sovereignty of God throughout. History does not happen by coincidence or accident, but the book of Esther shows the hand of God ruling over the nations with quiet acts of providence.

That night the king could not sleep, so he ordered that the chronicles, the record of the memorable events of his reign, be brought to him. These accounts were read to the king.

² They found the account about the incident when Mordecai had reported Bigthan and Teresh, the king's two eunuchs who had controlled access to the entrance to the palace, who had tried to assassinate King Xerxes.

³ The king said, "What honor and recognition has been given to Mordecai for this?"

Then the servants of the king who were attending him said, "Nothing has been done for him."

⁴ The king said, "Who is in the court?" Just then Haman had come to the outer court of the king's palace to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him.



⁵ The king's servants said to him, "Look, Haman is standing in the court." The king said, "Have him come in."

⁶ When Haman came in, the king said to him, "What should be done to honor the man with whom the king is pleased?"

Haman said in his heart, "Who could there be that the king would be more pleased to honor than me?"

⁷ Haman said to the king, "The man whom the king is pleased to honor ⁸ should be clothed with garments that the king has worn. He should be given a horse on which the king has ridden, and crowned with a crown that has been on the king's head. ⁹ These clothes and this horse should be delivered by one of the highest ranking noblemen of the king. They should dress up the man whom the king is pleased to honor and let him ride on the horse in the public square of the city. Walking in front of him, they will proclaim, "This is what is done for the man whom the king is pleased to honor."

¹⁰ The king said to Haman, "Hurry! Take the clothing and the horse just as you have said, and do this for Mordecai the Jew, who sits in the gatehouse of the king. Do not leave out a thing from whatever you have said."

¹¹ Haman took the clothing and the horse, clothed Mordecai, had him ride through the public square of the city, and proclaimed before him, "This is what is done for the man whom the king is pleased to honor."

¹² Mordecai returned to the king's gate, but Haman hurried to his home, mourning, with his head covered. ¹³ Haman reported all this to Zeresh his wife and to all his friends.

His advisors and Zeresh his wife said to him, "If Mordecai, before whom you have begun to fall, is of Jewish descent, you will not overcome him. Instead, you will surely fall before him."

¹⁴ While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and rushed Haman to the banquet that Esther had prepared.

PSALM 47

Let the people praise you, O God.
Let all the people praise you.

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
How awesome is the LORD Most High,
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.
Let the people praise you, O God.
Let all the people praise you.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let the people praise you, O God.
Let all the people praise you.

SECOND LESSON Colossians 3:1-4

With hearts and minds set on things above, and with eyes and hands and mouths busy with the work he has given us, the Church journeys on in confidence and hope that cannot be shaken, no matter what befalls us here on earth.



Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia. (Matthew 28:20b)

Please stand

GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53

Ascension marks the coronation of our Prophet-Priest as King. No longer would the disciples hide behind locked doors; no longer would they cower; no longer would they fear the Sanhedrin. Instead they would fill the temple with public praise, because Christus est Deus (Christ is God)!

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!
Glory be to you, O Lord!

⁴⁴ He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

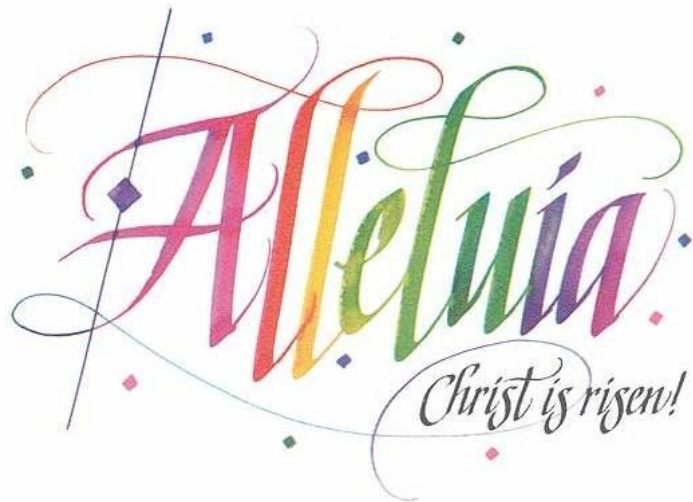
⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."



⁵⁰ He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!
Praise be to you, O Christ!



APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

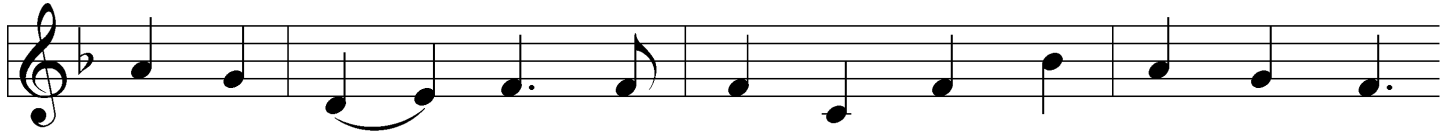
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Be seated



HYMN 173**"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"**

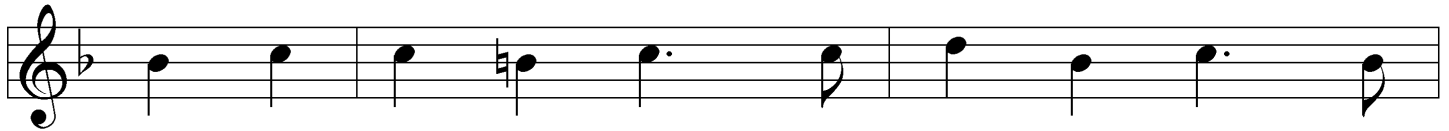
1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, Great gifts for
3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing



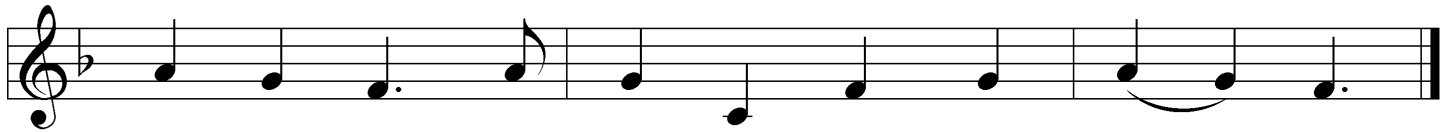
my as - cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled
me ob - tain - ing, My heart shall rest in him a - lone,
your as - cen - sion, That I may serve you faith - ful - ly,



All doubt and ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the
No oth - er rest re - main - ing, For where my
A - dorn - ing your re - demp - tion; And then, when



head is, there as well I know his mem - bers
trea - sure went be - fore, There all my thoughts shall
all my days will cease, Let me de - part in



are to dwell When Christ shall come and call them.
ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

Text: Josua Wegelin, 1604–40; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1873–1964, alt.

Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524.

SERMON

Please stand

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold,
uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Be seated

OFFERING

During this time of not meeting together physically, you can mail your offering to the church address or call Pastor to drop it off at church.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.**

Be seated

HYMN 175

"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"



1 Hail the day that sees him rise To his
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits: Lift your
3 See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Yet he
4 See, he lifts his hands a - bove; See, he
5 Still for us he in - ter - cedes; His pre -



throne a - bove the skies! Christ, the Lamb for
heads, e - ter - nal gates. He has con - quered
loves the earth he leaves; Though re - turn - ing
shows the prints of love. Hark! His gra - cious
vail - ing death he pleads. He, the first of



sin - ners giv'n, Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n.
death and sin; Take the King of glo - ry in!
to his throne, Still he calls man - kind his own.
lips be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.
all our race, Near him - self pre - pares a place.

6 There we shall with you remain
Partners in your endless reign,
There your face unclouded view,
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr., alt.

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (77 77) Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221, adapt.



Stand

M: Blessed Lord, You have given us Your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by Your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of ever-lasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

M: 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.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN 169

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in



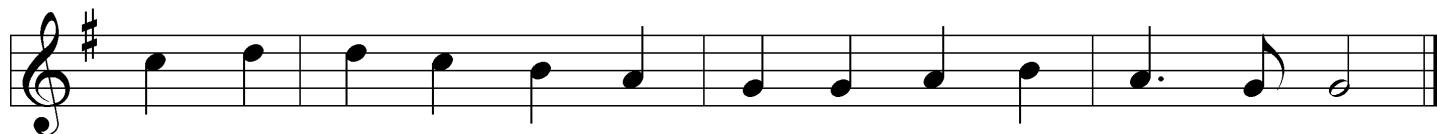
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;



His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace -
Flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend
Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight



ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the
re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re-deemed us by his blood."
songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?"

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, abr., alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY (87 87 D) Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, alt.

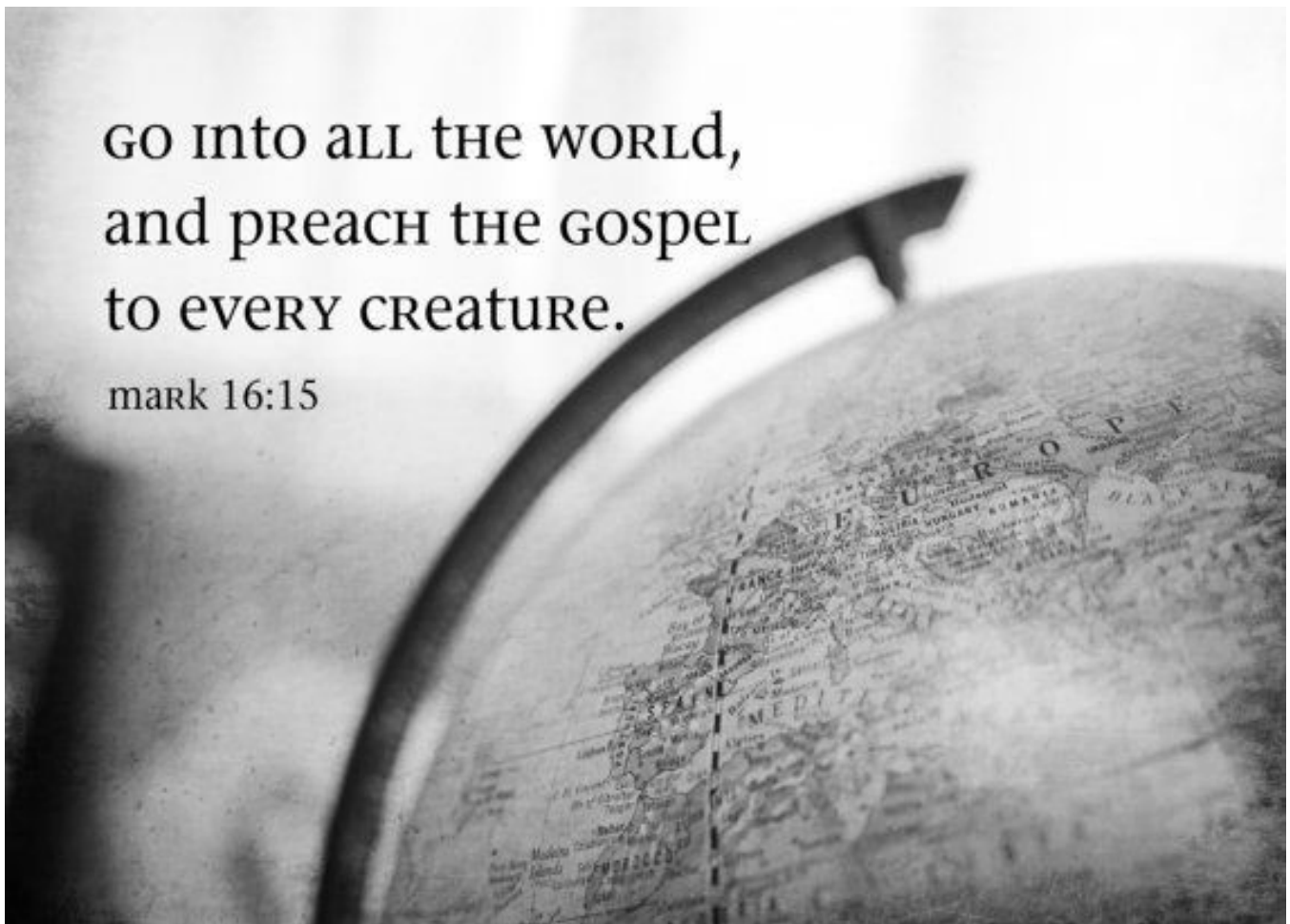


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please call the church office at 920-787-3856
or email at peacelutheranwautoma@gmail.com
with concerns, questions, and prayer requests.
We may not be physically in the office every day, but we are
still here for each of you.**

**Visit our website at www.wautomapecelutheran.org or visit
our Facebook page for updates and other information.**

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD,
and PREACH the GOSPEL
to EVERY CREATURE.

mark 16:15



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at Peace,

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go to the house of the LORD!" The time has come for us to once again begin worship in our church building. Our regular worship schedule will resume on Thursday, May 28 at 7 PM, following the guidelines approved by our church council.

Some may feel that these measures are too extreme. Such measures, however, may put other people's minds at ease. Let us all be patient and loving with one another as the family of faith that we are. If new regulations are put in place by the government, we will make sure to follow them.

Please, do not feel obligated to worship in person with us if you are fearful of getting sick, are not feeling well or are considered high risk. We will continue to post worship videos and materials on our website, receive offerings through the mail, and take appointments for private communion if that is your desire at this time.

Continue to pray that the Lord keep us safe, that the pandemic passes quickly and that through these strange days, our faith is strengthened as we rely more firmly on God's promises, and that many more turn to Jesus as their only hope and salvation.

In Christ,

Pastor Tews

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church Recommendations Concerning Worship During COVID-19 Pandemic

As approved by Church Council May 18, 2020

- Resume worship services on May 28, 2020.
- Hold one worship service on Thursday night, using precautions outlined below.
- Hold one worship service on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. If necessary, in order to limit gathering of more than 50 people, two worship services on Sunday will be considered, 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in place of 9:00 a.m.
- If feasible, entrance doors will be propped open to allow continuous flow of fresh air and limit contact with door handles. Sanctuary temperature and pest infiltration will need to be addressed.
- Wearing of masks and gloves will be optional. Masks will be provided for those attendees requesting them.
- Four hand sanitizer stations will be placed at entrances.
- Service folders will not be handed out by ushers, but instead be placed in stacks for pickup by an individual from the back of the sanctuary. Hymns and Liturgy will be included in the service folder so no hymnals will be needed. Service folders should be taken home after the worship service, not left at church. All hymnals will be removed from the sanctuary. Music will be provided by an organist or a Hymnsoft Operator.
- The drinking fountain and kitchen will be roped off. Individual bottles of drinking water will be provided.
- Tables and chairs will be removed from the Fellowship area.
- Usher(s) will guide people where to sit. Seating will be in every third pew. Households can sit together but others need to be spaced at least 6 feet apart. Pews and bathrooms will be sanitized between worship services.
- Offering plates will not be passed, but will be posted at the back of the sanctuary.
- For Communion, Pastor may distribute both bread and wine. The Communion wafer will be placed in the communicant's hand by Pastor or a Lay Altar Assistant. The individual cup of wine will be taken from the tray by the communicant. Households can commune being next to each other but spacing will be provided for others when taking Communion. Continuous distribution Communion will be evaluated, i.e. people approach using the center aisle, receive the bread and wine, and return to their respective pews using the side aisles.
- At the conclusion of worship, in order to provide safe spacing, Pastor or an usher will signal individuals when to leave their pew. There will be no shaking of hands or congregating in the Fellowship hall.