

# **CRISTO REY**

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**You Can Count on the Ascended Lord**

May 28, 2017

Divine Service

## OPENING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing | 212 (1-4)

The Lutheran Hymnal

## OPENING DIALOGUE FOR ASCENSION

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

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**C:** Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

**M:** How majestic is the Lord's name in all the earth!

**C:** He has set his glory above the heavens.

**M:** For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.

**C:** He is exalted far above all gods.

**M:** God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

**C:** God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

**M:** The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

**C:** He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

**M:** The throne of our God will last forever and ever.

**C:** A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.

**M:** Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

**C:** His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

## 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

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

The musical notation is in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy'. The second staff contains the melody for the final phrase: 'on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

**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.

## GLORY BE TO GOD


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

Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

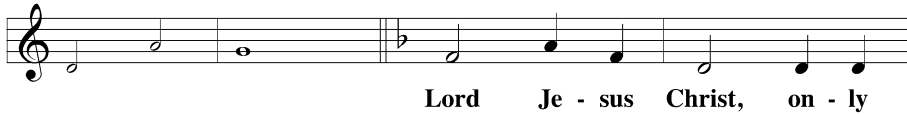
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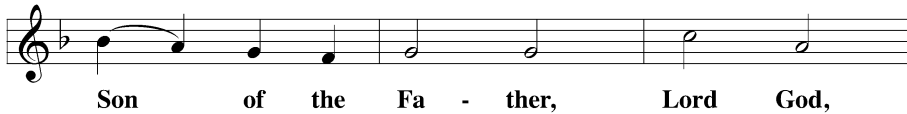
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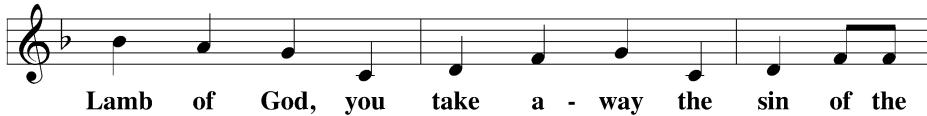
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Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly



Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,



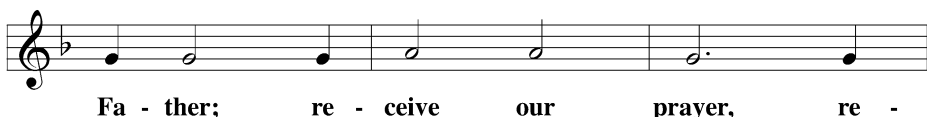
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



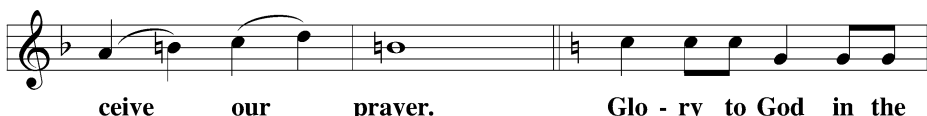
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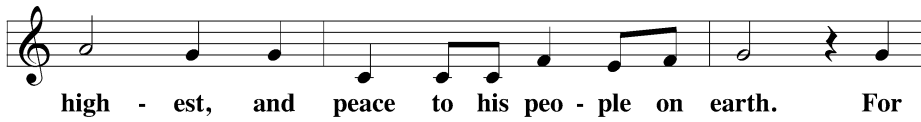
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer, re-



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high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



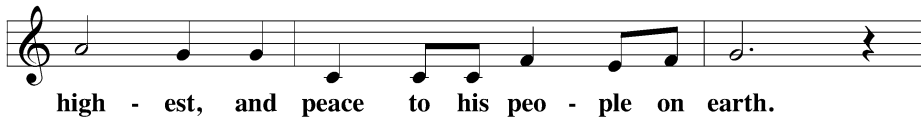
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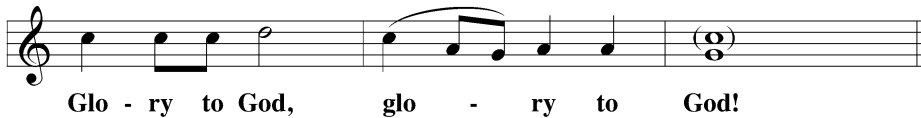
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

### 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

Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

## SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:16-23

<sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his

glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

## 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)

## GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told 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."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup> When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



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.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

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## SERMON

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Acts 1:1-11



## CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING

*The members of Christ the King have joined together to do the Lord's work in their community and around the world. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.*

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*The minister prays the prayer of the church.*

## 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.

## HYMN

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise | 213  
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## CLOSING PRAYER

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## BLESSING

- 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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Support for Our Mission

Recently, Cristo Rey Lutheran has experienced a variety of support from congregations throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). The Mary Martha Society from First Trinity Lutheran Church in Marinette, WI made banners for the interior of our church. They also hosted a luncheon fundraising to support our work. The Christian day schools at Trinity Lutheran Church in West Bend, WI and St. Paul's First Lutheran in North Hollywood, CA have designed their mission offerings to us for this quarter. Finally, the offering from the worship service during the 2017 Evangelical Lutheran Synod's West Coast Pastor's Conference was designated to our mission. We are very thankful for all the support we have received.

### Upcoming Building Meetings

To prepare for the upcoming building remodel project, several special meetings have been organized. Today and on June 4 open forums will be held before our worship service at 10:00 AM. On these two Sundays, the anticipated remodeling plans will be presented and discussed. On June 11, all are invited to a voter's meeting after church at 12:00 PM. At this meeting, the voting members will officially designate funding for the building remodeling project. The team from Builder's for Christ is expected to arrive in July.

### Independence Day Celebration at Pastor's House

All are invited to Pastor and Beth's house (9503 Foxbury Way, Pico Rivera) after worship on Sunday, July 2, for a light luncheon.



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## Take the Next Step

It's a big step to walk into a new church! We are glad you came. If you are looking for a place to learn more about God's Word, grow in your faith, and be connected to other Christians, follow these suggestions to take the next step:

We invite you to come back next week. God promises that time spent in his Word will grow your faith. We encourage you to take our Bible Information Class. This class provides an overview of the Bible and serves as the class for those desiring to become members of our congregation. We challenge you to select a way to service. We are currently revitalizing our ministry and are always looking for help. We urge you to invite your friends and family. The people in your life need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ.

## Spiritual Services

To serve you best, we offer a variety of spiritual services. These include confirmation, counseling, visits to the sick and hospitalized, baptisms and quinceañera worship services. These spiritual services are provided without cost and require few prerequisites. Please speak with Pastor Matt to learn more.

## Worship Schedule

Divine Service in English.....Sundays at 10:45am  
English Bible Study.....Sundays at 10:00am  
Misa Cristiana en español.....sábados a las 6:00pm

## Worship Acknowledgements

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