

St. Luke's Lutheran Church



4801 Anderson Ave
Manhattan, KS 66503
www.stlukesmanhattan.org

Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Sunday, May 3, 2026 – 10:00 AM

*Rev. Michael J. Schmidt, Sr. Pastor
William Prann, Director of Christian Education
Gretchen Hartsook, Director of Music*

MISSION FESTIVAL

Guest Preacher: Rev. Paul Hoemann

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Series A)

**Divine Service, Setting 4 (*edited*)
(Page 203)**

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

How far can you see? Several factors affect our vision but for an observer at sea level, the horizon is about three miles away. How clearly a person can see may be limited by atmospheric conditions such as fog, haze, dust, and water vapor. A clear vision makes a great difference in every situation! In “What God Ordains Is Always Good,” German hymn writer Samuel Rodigast shared this Christian life insight about God’s plan and providence: “Now I may know both joy and woe; someday I shall see clearly that He has loved me dearly” (*LSB* 760:4). Our worship helps us clarify our vision of God’s graciousness.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

1 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

WELCOME

✠PREPARATION ✠

837 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

sts. ref-6

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

Refrain

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.

Tune: Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947

Text and tune: © 1974 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002155

Stand

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

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 27:1; 1 Peter 2:9; John 14:1, 6; Acts 6-7 (thematic)

- P** The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear.
C Christ is the way, and the truth, and the life; our hearts need not be troubled.
- P** Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people.
C Called out of darkness to proclaim the excellencies of Him who has shown us His marvelous light.
- P** The Word of the Lord grew and multiplied in the early Church.
C May His Gospel continue to increase among us and throughout the world.
- P** Lift up your eyes to the risen Christ, who prepares a place for His own.
C And send us, Lord, as Your witnesses, steadfast in faith and bold in love.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Beloved in the Lord, Jesus says, *“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me.”* Yet our hearts are often restless, our steps uncertain, and our witness faltering. Let us come before our Father in heaven, confessing our sins and trusting in the mercy of Christ, who is the way, and the truth, and the life.

Lord Jesus Christ, You call Your Church to proclaim Your saving name to the ends of the earth, yet we have not always walked in Your ways or spoken Your truth with courage. Risen Lord,

- C** have mercy on us and forgive us.

- P** You have made us a chosen race and a royal priesthood, that we may declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness, yet we have remained silent when we should have spoken and fearful when we should have trusted. Risen Lord,
- C** **have mercy on us and forgive us.**
- P** You prepare a place for us and promise to bring us home, yet we cling to the things that pass away and doubt the future You have secured. Risen Lord,
- C** **have mercy on us and forgive us.**
- P** You strengthened Stephen to confess Your name even in death, yet we shrink from bearing the cross and hesitate to follow where You lead. Risen Lord,
- C** **have mercy on us and forgive us.**
- 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm149:1

P Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
C his praise in the assembly of the godly!

P I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
C and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
C and you have healed me.

P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
C you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
C and give thanks to his holy name.

P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
C Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

C 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.

P Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
C his praise in the assembly of the godly!

HYMN OF PRAISE – “Holy Forever”

- 1 A thousand generations
Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
All who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb
- 2, 7 Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
- 3, 5, 8 And the angels cry, “Holy”
All creation cries, “Holy”
You are lifted high, holy
Holy forever
- 4 If you've been forgiven
And if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom
And if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever to the Lamb
- 6, 9 Hear Your people sing, “Holy”
To the King of kings, holy
You will always be holy
Holy forever
- 10 You will always be holy
Holy forever

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light and made us Your chosen people in Christ, the living Stone. Build us up as Your holy priesthood, that we may proclaim His saving works and serve You faithfully in the world. Strengthen Your Church in every place, that Your mercy may be made known and Your Gospel bring life to all who hear it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

(Stephen is stoned and becomes a martyr for Christ.)

L ¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said:

C “Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

L ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said,

C Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

L ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out,

C “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

L ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice,

C “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”

L And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

L Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

L He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2-10

(An exhortation to live lives of Christian love.)

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-14

(Jesus says that He is the way, and the truth, and the life.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

830 SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. composite

Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.

Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON – Rev. Paul Hoemann

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

NICENE CREED

**☐ 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 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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light and made us Your own people in Christ, the living Stone. Strengthen Your Church throughout the world, that she may faithfully proclaim the saving works of Him who is the way, the truth, and the life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of the harvest, as You once caused the Word to increase and multiply in the days of the apostles, raise up faithful servants for the preaching of the Gospel and the care of Your people. Bless missionaries near and far, and grant that the witness of Your Church may bring many to trust in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, bless the homes of Your people. Strengthen parents in their calling, that they may teach their children to trust in You above all earthly powers and to walk as children of the light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ruler of the nations, grant wisdom and integrity to our president; the Congress of the United States; our governor; and all who serve in public office. Preserve peace, uphold justice, protect life, and guide all leaders to serve according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of mercy, Your Son is the way, the truth, and the life. Grant His comfort and strength to all who suffer in body or spirit, especially [_____]. Give them steadfast hearts, trusting that Christ has prepared a place for all who belong to Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy Lord, You have made us a royal priesthood and a holy nation. As we come to the Supper of Christ's body and blood, grant us repentant hearts and grateful faith, that we may proclaim His death until He comes and be strengthened for lives of witness in the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of glory, we thank You for the faithful witness of Stephen, who saw the heavens opened and Christ standing at the right hand of God. Give us courage to confess Your name, love to forgive our enemies, and confidence to fall asleep in Jesus when our last hour comes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
Manhattan, KS 66503

2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: 1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy to our hearts as well.

✠SACRAMENT✠

PREFACE

LSB 208

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have called us into Your marvelous light and made us Your people in Christ, the living Stone. Through His death and resurrection, He has opened the way to the Father and prepared a place for all who trust in Him. Strengthen Your Church for faithful witness, that many may come to know the life He gives. 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

(sung by the Praise Team)

“Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts”

1, 2 Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts
The whole earth is full of His glory
The whole earth is full of His glory
The whole earth is full of His glory
Holy is the Lord

3 The whole earth is full of His glory
The whole earth is full of His glory
The whole earth is full of His glory
Holy is the Lord

(Nolan Prince ©1976, arr. ©1997 CCLI# 288089)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for in Your great mercy You have sent Your Son to be our way, our truth, and our life. As He once strengthened Stephen to look to heaven with confidence, so now strengthen us through this Holy Supper, that we may trust His promises and follow where He leads. Gathered at His Table, grant that we who have received Your mercy may proclaim it to the world, until the day when Christ brings us to the place He has prepared.

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

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI (Latin for "Lamb of God")

LSB 210



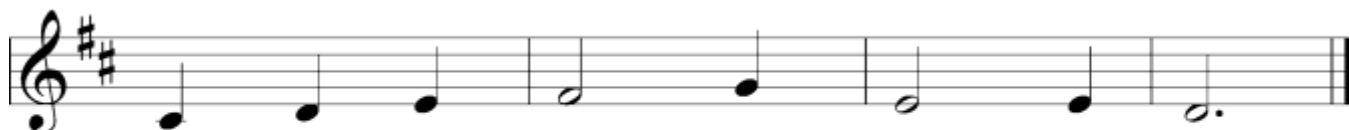
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION


The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.


DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

SPECIAL MUSIC – A Joyful Sound
“Remember Me”

618 I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's




wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.

Tune: Emskirchner Choral-Buch, 1756, Leipzig

Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110002155

Tune: Public domain

570 JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–68

Text and tune: Public domain

“CHRIST IS OUR WAY, OUR HOPE, OUR LIGHT”

Tune: LSB 555 — Es ist das Heil (87.87.887)

- 1 Christ is our way to God above,
Our peace when hearts are troubled.
He speaks His word of truth and love,
And bids our hope be doubled.
He goes before, prepares our place,
And leads us on in steadfast grace,
His mercy ever guiding.

- 2 Stephen beheld the risen Lord
And spoke with faith unshaken.
Though foes denied the Savior’s Word,
He stood, not once forsaken.
So make us bold Your truth to share,
To speak Your name in love and prayer,
Your witness never failing.

- 3 Once we were lost, without a home,
But now Your own possession.
You call us forth, Your grace to show,
And send us in confession:
That Christ is life, the Father’s Son,
The only path by which we come—
Our joy and our salvation.

- 4 Nourished by Christ, the living bread,
We rise as those You call Your own,
Your Word and Supper see us fed
For lives that serve Your saving Word
Send us to serve in every place,
To shine with love, proclaiming grace,
Till Christ returns in glory.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we give You thanks that in this Holy Supper You have fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, who is our way to You and the sure foundation of our hope. As You strengthened Stephen to confess Christ with steadfast faith, so sustain us for lives of witness and service. Having received Your mercy, send us out as Your people to make known the saving name of Jesus, until the day when He brings us to the place He has prepared.

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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

826 HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?"
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Text (sts. 1–2, 4): Daniel March, 1816–1909, alt.; (st. 3): unknown, alt.

Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838–96

Text and tune: Public domain

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 2. Copyright © 2026 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV[®] Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version[®]), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2026 Concordia Publishing House.

