



# Ascension of Our Lord

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# Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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## HE LIVES TO RULE ALL THINGS FOR THE CHURCH

We understand why God became man in the person of Christ. The Savior needed to be able to suffer and die to atone for mankind's sin. What is fascinating is that when the work of redemption was completed, the Son of God did not set aside his humanity. The God-man ascended into heaven. It is a human, our brother, who sits on heaven's throne. The ascension marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission, but it does not signify the end of his work. While on earth, Jesus had set aside so much of his divine power. But Jesus now picks all that power back up again. He ascended to exercise his limitless authority for the Church as we carry out our mission to be Christ's ambassadors of grace to the world. He lives! And he is in absolute and perfect control, ruling over Creation for the eternal well-being of his friends. And that is what we are! The Festival of the Ascension is one of the oldest and most joyful celebrations in the Christian Church. It will be observed by Christians until Christ returns to take us to be with him.

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**LARGE PRINT** copies of worship materials are available from the ushers. If you have any questions or need assistance, please feel free to ask an usher.

Thank you for worshipping with us today! Whether you are a guest or a member we would love to know you are here! Please use this QR code to sign our digital friendship register. There are also tablets available in the back of Church for you to sign in.



## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Presiding Minister & Preacher**  
**Organist**  
**Cantor**

Pastor Aaron Winkelman  
Amy Balza  
Samantha O'Connell

# The Service, Setting One

## Across the Lands

CW 549

The Cantor will sing stanza one.



1 You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be-fore the  
2 Yet you left the gaze of an-gels, came to seek and  
3 With a shout you rose vic-to-rious, wrest-ling vic-t'ry



world be-gan. Ev-'ry star and ev-'ry plan-et has been  
save the lost, and ex-changed the joy of heav-en for the  
from the grave, and as-cend-ed in-to heav-en, lead-ing



fash-ioned by your hand. All cre-a-tion holds to-  
an-guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the  
cap-tives in your way. Now you stand be-fore the



geth-er by the pow-er of your voice. Let the skies de-  
hun-gry, with a word you calmed the sea, yet how si-lent-  
Fa-ther, in-ter-ced-ing for your own; from each tribe and



clare your glo-ry, let the land and seas re-joice!  
ly you suf-ered that the guilt-y may go free!  
tongue and na-tion you are lead-ing sin-ners home!

### Refrain



You're the au-thor of cre-a-tion, you're the Lord of ev-'ry



man, and your cry of love rings out a-cross the lands.

*Stand*

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

**Amen.**

## **Ascension Dialogue**

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

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

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

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

For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.

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

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

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

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

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

The throne of our God will last forever and ever.

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

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

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

# This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref-5, Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: v. 4  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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# The Word

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

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

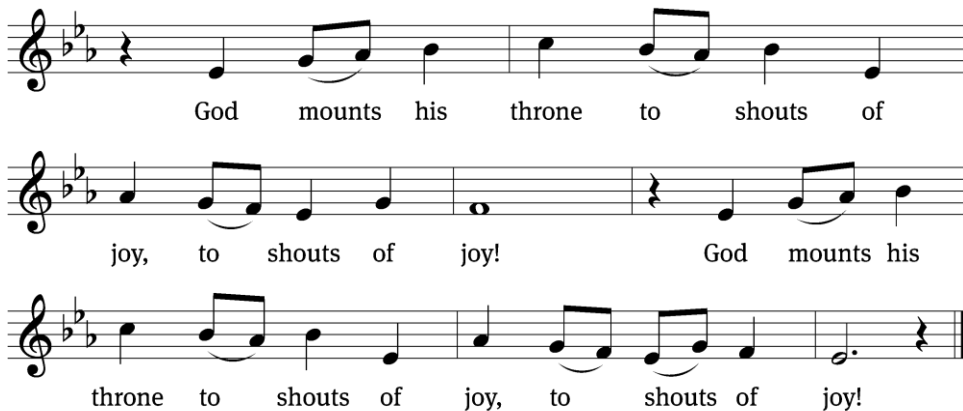
**Thanks be to God.**

# God Mounts His Throne to Shouts of Joy

Psalalm 47C

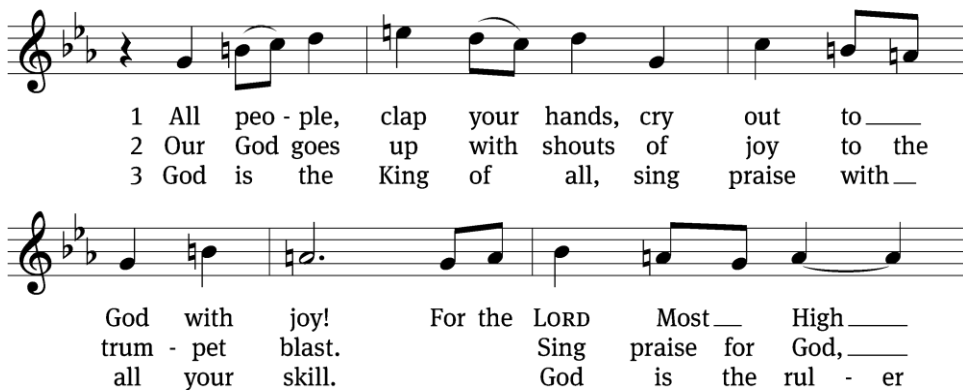
The Cantor will introduce the refrain, and sing the verses.

## Refrain



God mounts his throne to shouts of  
joy, to shouts of joy! God mounts his  
throne to shouts of joy, to shouts of joy!

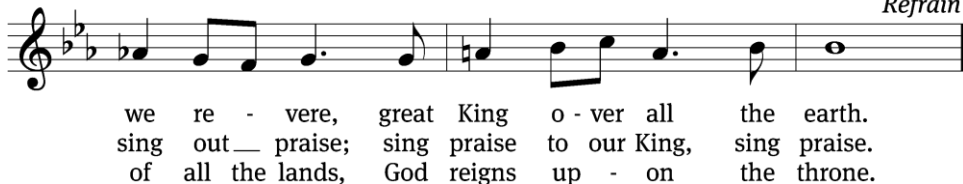
## Verses



1 All peo - ple, clap your hands, cry out to \_\_\_\_  
2 Our God goes up with shouts of joy to the  
3 God is the King of all, sing praise with \_\_\_\_

God with joy! For the LORD Most \_\_\_\_ High \_\_\_\_  
trum - pet blast. Sing praise for God, \_\_\_\_  
all your skill. God is the rul - er

## Refrain



we re - vere, great King o - ver all the earth.  
sing out \_\_\_\_ praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise.  
of all the lands, God reigns up - on the throne.

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## Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Gospel Acclamation

CW 385 sts. Ref, 4



4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.



Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him



from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:



Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a



light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my



God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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## Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

<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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

# A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

CW 472



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



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!



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



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!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
and be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with you forever, we  
shall praise your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

Confident of our Lord's return, let us approach our Father's throne of mercy on behalf of the Church and of all people.

Gracious Lord God, amid shouts of joy we celebrate your Son's ascension into heaven where he is now seated in majesty at your right hand. Grant your Church steadfastness in these gray and latter days that she may hold to the truth and boldly confess the saving name of Jesus.

**As the devil, the world, and our sinful nature seek to silence our witness, grant us courage to believe and confess that Jesus is Lord.**

Even as your beloved Son intercedes on behalf of his Church, so has he commanded us to pray for others.

**Hear us, O Lord, as we implore you to show mercy to those in need:**

to the sick, the lonely, and the depressed grant relief;  
to the dying and those who mourn bring comfort;  
to the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed send your help;  
to the elderly, give joy for living life to the full;  
to the young, send patience to wait for the fuller life to come;  
to husbands and wives and their families and to single parents who raise their children alone grant wisdom and strength.

**Bestow your blessings to all who depend on your power and grace.**

Almighty Father, you are the good Giver of all that we have. In your mercy continue to grant us daily bread, supplying us with what we need before we even ask.

**Teach us to be thankful and content, whether we have plenty or are in need.**

Come with your guidance, O Lord, and pour out your blessings on all who have gathered here to proclaim your love in speech, song, and symbol. May our worship enrich us so that our work for others adorns your love among them.

**Lead us to praise you as we joyfully wait for your return.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before you, where he always intercedes for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end.

**Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Offering

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## The Sacrament

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*The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ, and with one another, as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. With that in mind, we invite all members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod to come forward. If you wish to partake of the Supper with us in the future, please speak to one of the Pastors after the service. They would be happy to help you take that step.*

Stand

### Preface

CW 165







Lift up your hearts.



**We lift them up to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -



san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - - men." The final note of the piece is a double bar line.

*Be seated*

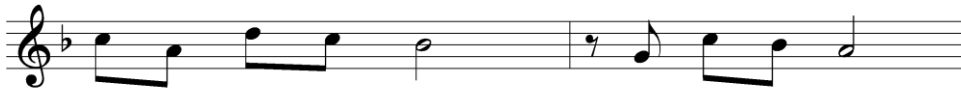
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## What Is This Bread

CW 665



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
2 What is this wine? The blood of  
3 So who am I, that I should  
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By  
5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: this bread we break,  
Je - sus shed for mine; the cup of grace  
live and he should die un - der the rod?  
Word and prom - ise clear, in mouth and soul  
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



this life we take, was crushed to pay for our re -  
brings his em - brace of life and love un - til I  
My God, my God, why have you not for - sak - en  
he makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
that I re - ceive his ver - y bod - y and his



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.  
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.  
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.  
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.  
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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# On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

CW 476



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as -



cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre -  
tain - ing, my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re -  
cen - sion, that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, in thanks for my re -



hen - sion, for where the head is, there as well I know his  
main - ing, for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my  
demp - tion; and then, when all my days will cease, let me de -



mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call them.  
thoughts will ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

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*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Draw Us to Thee

CW 700



1 Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy  
2 Draw us to thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; let us de -  
3 Draw us to thee; O grant that we may walk the  
4 Draw us to thee that al - so we thy heav'n - ly  
5 Draw us to thee un - ceas - ing - ly; in - to thy



steps for - ev - er and has - ten on where thou art  
part with glad - ness that we may be for - ev - er  
road to heav - en! Di - rect our way lest we should  
bliss in - her - it and ev - er dwell where sin and  
king - dom take us. Let us for - e'er thy glo - ry



gone to be with thee, dear Sav - ior.  
free from sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.  
stray and from thy paths be driv - en.  
hell no more can vex our spir - it.  
share; thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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- Enlighten and equip people to contribute their gifts in service to God and the community, and
- Reflect the light of Jesus to our community and the world.

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