

**“... to the Lamb be
blessing
and honor
and glory
and might
forever and ever!”**

Revelation 5:13, NRSV



The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music & Greeting

Opening Hymn “Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia”
Christian Worship 150

The Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

The Confession of Sins

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

P: 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 the 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!

Lord have Mercy

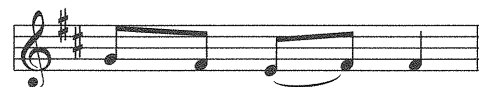
P: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose victorious from the grave. Through his precious work and gracious intercession, we know God the Father will hear and answer us for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

P: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise; hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

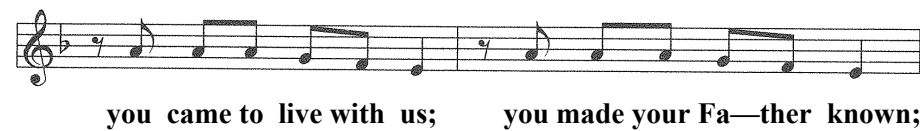
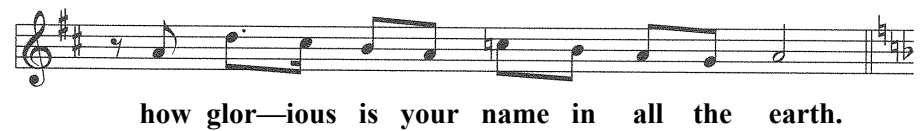
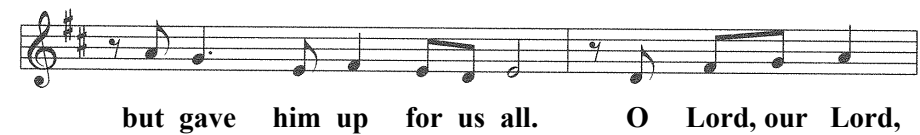
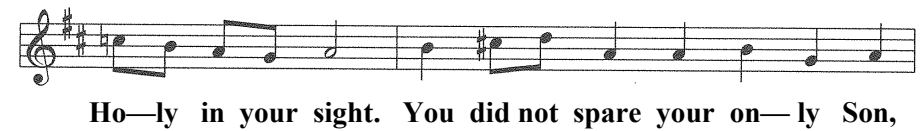
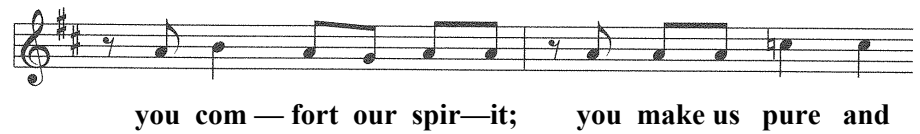
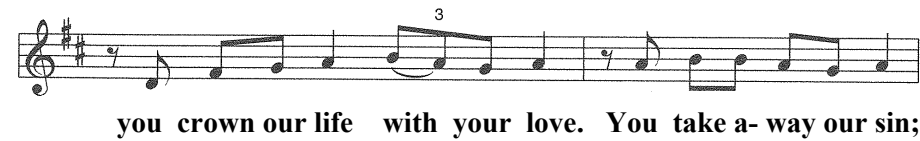


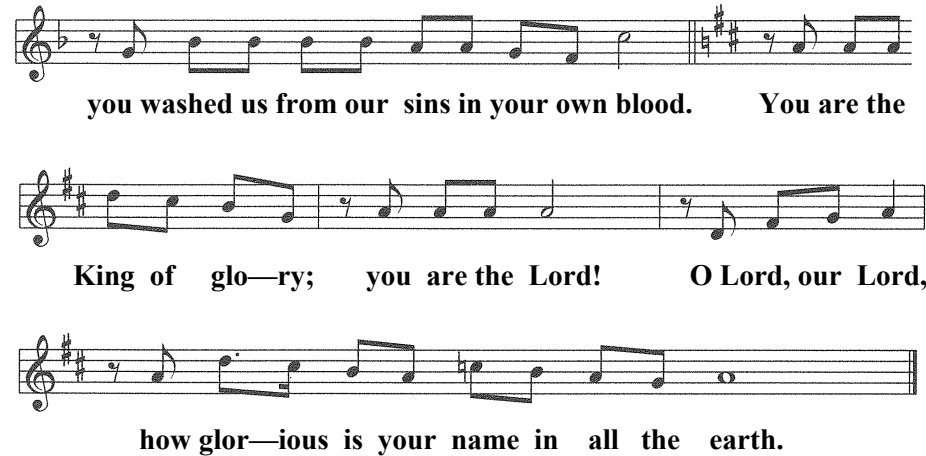
C: A — — men!

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise;



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor-ious is your name in






you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
King of glo—ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: O gracious and living Savior, you have won the victory over death and the grave. You have overcome the devil and made him powerless. You have given us every reason to rejoice and praise you. As we put our trust in you, may it always be with an unshakable conviction. Never let a single doubt enter our minds. Never let anything separate us from your love. Bless us with the ability to say, “Yes, so shall it be,” for all you have done. Bless us with the joy to say the same thing when we live with you in heaven. There we will praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit—for your undeserved love and unsurpassed power.



C: A — — men!

The Lessons from God's Word

Resurrection Joy

Acts 9:1-22

¹Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any men or women belonging to the Way, he might bring

them to Jerusalem as prisoners.

³As he went on his way and was approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?”

⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?”

He replied, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you need to do.”

⁷The men traveling with him stood there speechless. They heard the voice but did not see anyone.

⁸They raised Saul up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could not see anything. They took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he could not see, and he did not eat or drink.

¹⁰There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias!”

He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”

¹¹The Lord told him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. In fact, at this very moment he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he can regain his sight.”

¹³Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and how much harm he did to your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has authority here from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵The Lord said to him, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the people of Israel. ¹⁶Indeed, I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷Ananias left and entered the house. Laying his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, whom you saw on your way here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

¹⁸Immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized. ¹⁹And after taking

some food, he regained his strength.

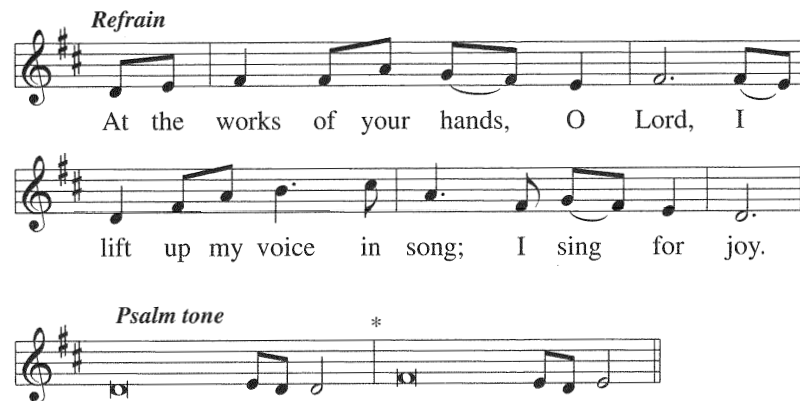
Saul stayed with the disciples in Damascus for several days.

²⁰Immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

²¹All who heard him were amazed and said, “Isn’t this the one who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? Didn’t he come here for this very purpose: to bring them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²²But Saul continued to get stronger and kept confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 30



Sing to the LORD, you | saints of his; *
praise his | holy name.

For his anger lasts only a | moment, *
but his favor lasts a | lifetime.

Weeping may remain | for a night, *
but rejoicing comes in the | morning.

Refrain

To you, O | LORD, I called; *
to the LORD I cried for | mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me; *
O LORD, | be my help.

You turned my wailing into | dancing, *
that my heart may sing to you and not be | silent.

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

Refrain

Epistle

Revelation 5:11-14

And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels who were around the throne and around the living creatures and the elders. Their number was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands upon thousands. ¹²With a loud voice they were saying:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive
power and riches and
wisdom and strength and
honor and glory and blessing.

¹³I also heard every creature that is in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.

¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders bowed down and worshipped.

Verse of the Day

P: The LORD reigns. Let the peoples tremble. He is seated above the cherubim. Let the earth quake. The LORD is great in Zion. He is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your name, great and awesome. He is holy!

Exalt the LORD our God, and bow down before his holy mountain, because he LORD our God is holy.

Alleluia



C: Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia!



These words are writ — ten that we may be—lieve that



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



Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia!

The Gospel

John 21:1-14

After this, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. This is how he showed himself: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I’m going fishing.”

They replied, “We’ll go with you.”

They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Early in the morning, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.

⁵Jesus called to them, “Boys, don’t you have any fish?”

“No!” they answered.

⁶He told them, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” So they cast the net out. Then they were not able to haul it in because of the large number of fish.

⁷The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard, “It is the Lord!” he tied his outer gar-

ment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the little boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about one hundred yards. ⁹When they stepped out on land, they saw some bread and a charcoal fire with fish on it. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you just caught.”

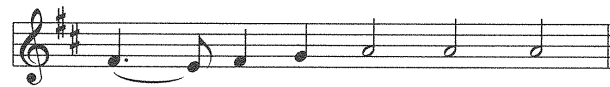
¹¹So Simon Peter climbed aboard and hauled the net to land, full of large fish, 153 of them. Yet even with so many, the net was not torn.

¹²Jesus said to them, “Come, eat breakfast.”

None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord.

¹³Jesus came, took the bread, and gave it to them, and also the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus”
Christian Worship 351

Sermon

Revelation 5:11-14

“Amen!”

This is the truth
This is our truth

The Confession of Faith

(We join in the words of the Nicene Creed)

**C: 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 fully 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!**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayers for the Day

Special Prayers and Requests

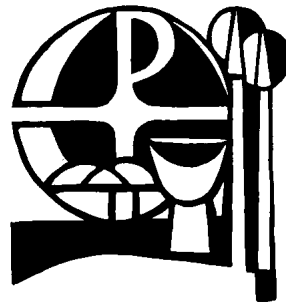
Prayer for Those Receiving the Lord's Supper

C: Lord Jesus, you call all who are weary and burdened to come to you for rest. Rejoicing in your grace, we now come to this heavenly feast in which you give your children on earth your true body and blood to eat and to drink. Remove from us the soiled garments of self-righteousness and sin, and clothe us with the righteousness purchased with your blood. Strengthen our faith. Increase our love, especially for those with whom we share this blessed communion. After this life grant us a place at your heavenly table where we may eat in the glory of your presence for all eternity.

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken with the pastor)

C: 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!



The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



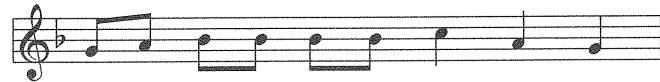
C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He has raised Jesus from the dead and seated him in the heavenly realms, and placed all things under his feet. Through him has come salvation, power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority to rule over all things. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

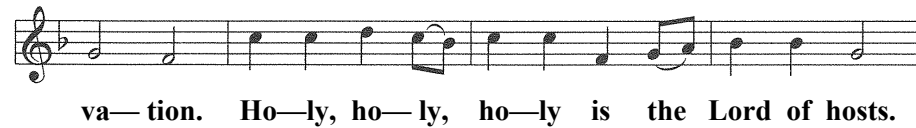
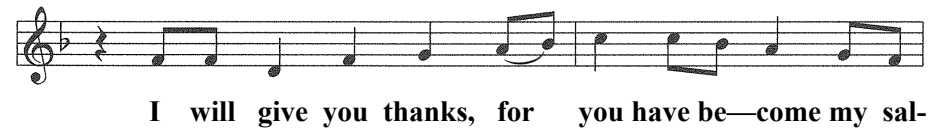
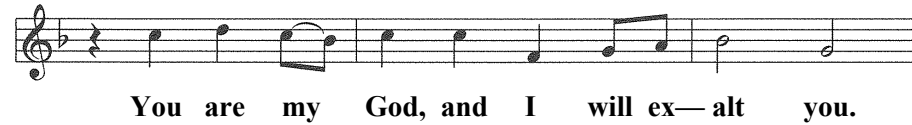
Sanctus



C: Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly, is the Lord of hosts;



The whole earth is full of your glo — ry.



The Words of Institution

P: 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 Blessing of Peace

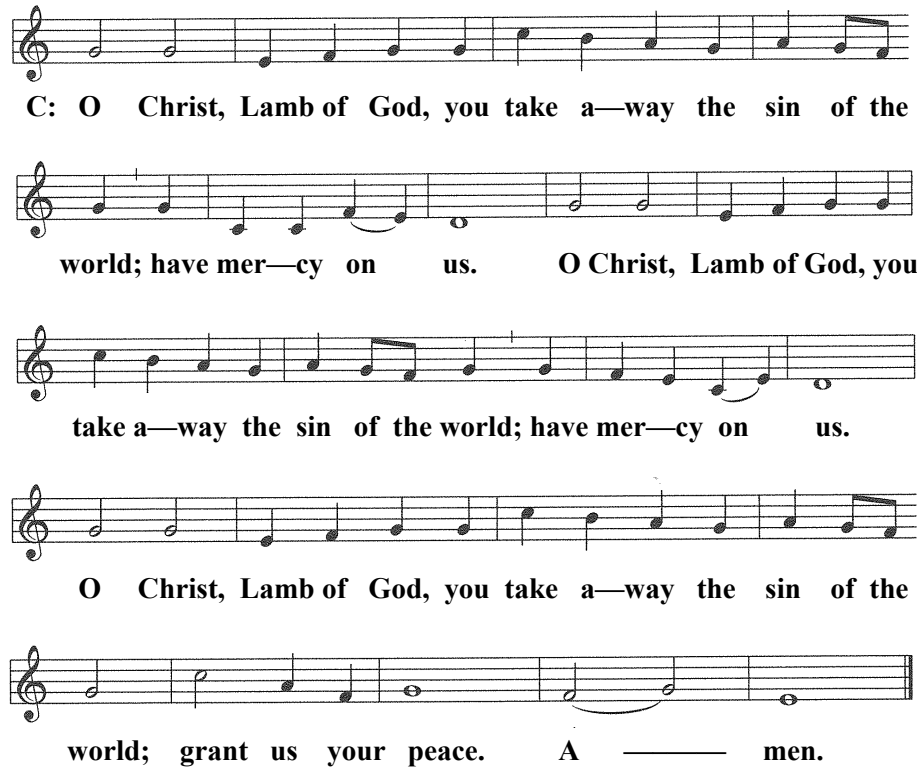
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A ——— men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: 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 Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Jesus Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

Thanksgiving

Song of Thanksgiving

(Congregation rises and sings)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu — ia!

Closing Prayer:

P: O gracious Lord, how good are you are and how blessed you have made us. Even though we come burdened with our guilt, stained with sin, and humbled by our rebellion, you have forgiven our sins. Through your gracious Word, together with Jesus body and blood, you have declared our sins completely washed away. Make this good news the source of our peace and joy. When we daily struggle with open and secret sins, lead us to acknowledge them and humbly confess them. Then reassure us they are completely taken away for Jesus' sake. Make every blessing he secured by his death and resurrection our highest good and the confidence of your unyielding love. As we live in anticipation of life in heaven, be our comfort, our strength, and our guide. Bless us, now and always, as we live in your love—our true, Triune and gracious God.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: A — men. A ——— men. A ——— men.

Closing Hymn

“This Joyful Eastertide”

Christian Worship 160

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today—*Welcome in Name of our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ!* May the undeserved love and forgiveness secured by our Savior give you peace, comfort and complete confidence. If you are visiting this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Following the worship service there will be time for fellowship and coffee.
- Christian Education will follow the service. We will take a closer look at the lesson from Acts and the incredible change the risen Savior brought about in Paul, and in us.

Monday—Pastor’s Circuit Study at 9:30 am in Tarzana.

Tuesday—Church Council meeting at 7:00 pm. Committees will follow at 8:00 pm.

Wednesday—Bible Class at 7:00 pm. We will pick up where we

left off in January. This week we will take a closer look at the information a congregation is provided when it prepares to choose a pastor.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning: Martin

- Mowing beginning May 1st—C. Schueler

Sunday, May 8th—Worship and live-streaming at 9:30 am.

Too often the believer becomes preoccupied with the events of this life which leads to questioning the Lord's care. In his vision of heaven John addresses every doubt and any uncertainty. Yes, we will have to go through difficulties, yet our Savior has something greater prepared for us. This becomes our confidence and our blessed hope for the future.

- Christian Education will follow the service. We will consider the Gospel lesson where Jesus reminds us, his sheep hear his voice.

Thank You

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