

WELCOME!



Brother Saul

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Easter Sunday-April 19th, 2026**

- * = Please stand if able**
- = Please be seated**

- Prelude by Roxanne Groff**
- Office of the Acolyte**
- Ringling of the Bell**
- Welcome**

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism...*

**L: We confess our sins before God and
one another.**

Pause for silence and reflection.

L: Merciful God,

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Give us the willingness to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you about the ways in which we have caused harm in this world. Give us the openness to see where our actions or failures to act have led to pain in those closest to us and in those far away.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

C: Do not let us sink further into self-harm through self-blame and hatred, but give us the courage to set right our wrongs, and to return to you again and again for forgiveness.

* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: The risen God has raised you to newness of life in Jesus' name. You are in Christ a new creation, and God forgives you every wrong. Celebrate with all of creation a world redeemed, and lavish the love you have received on all that is.

C: Amen.

* Gathering Song

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

LBW 423



Brother Saul

*** “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”
LBW 423**

**1 Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants,
bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.**

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**2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power
to our world to make it whole.**

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**3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the
needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.**

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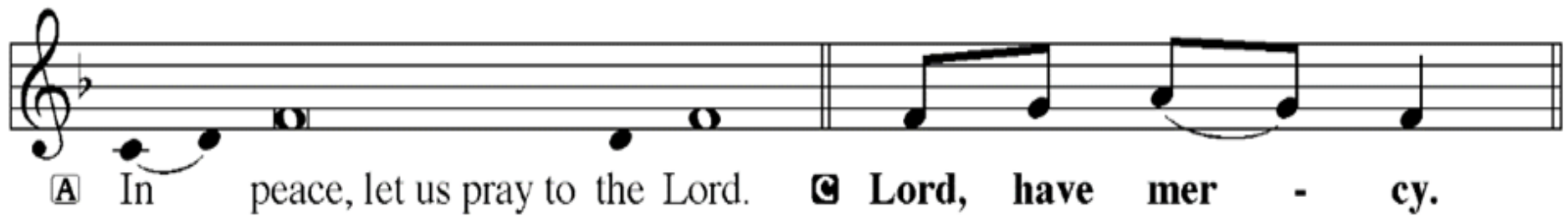
**4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health,
good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

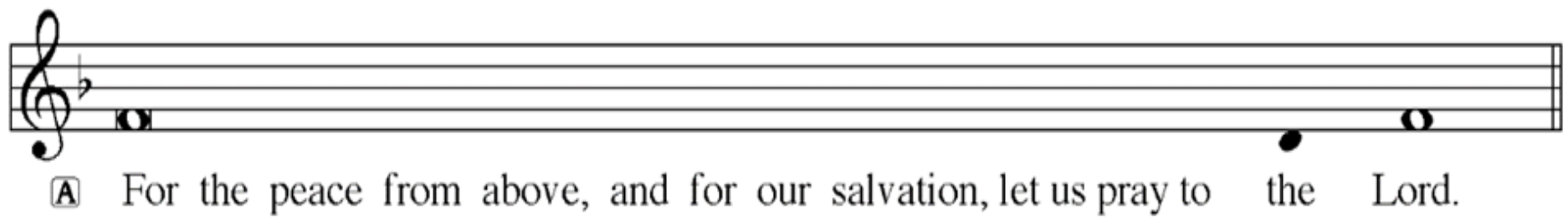
**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

C: And also with you.

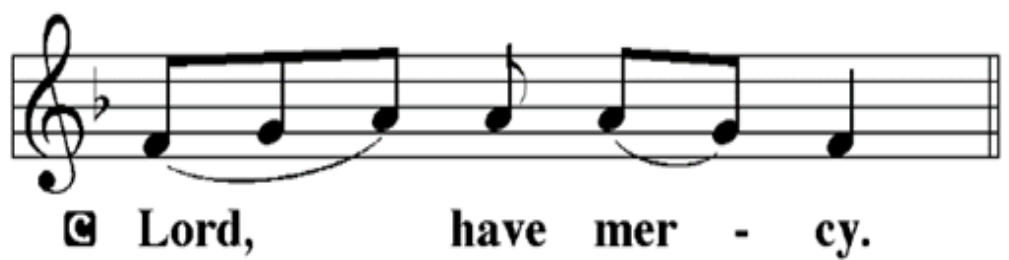
* KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

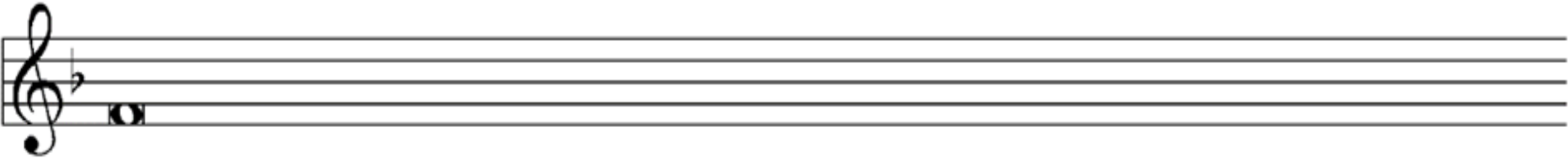


A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

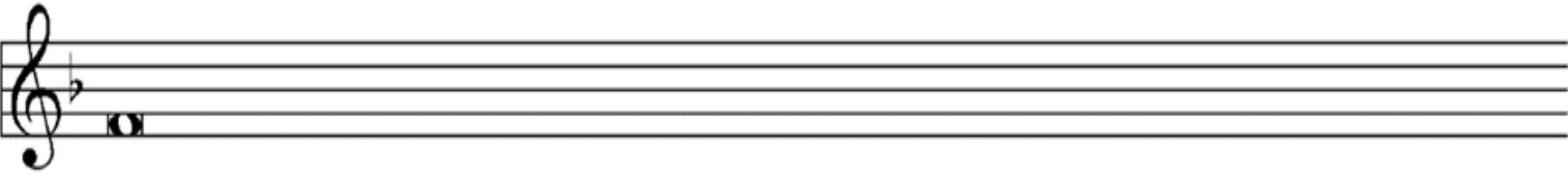


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

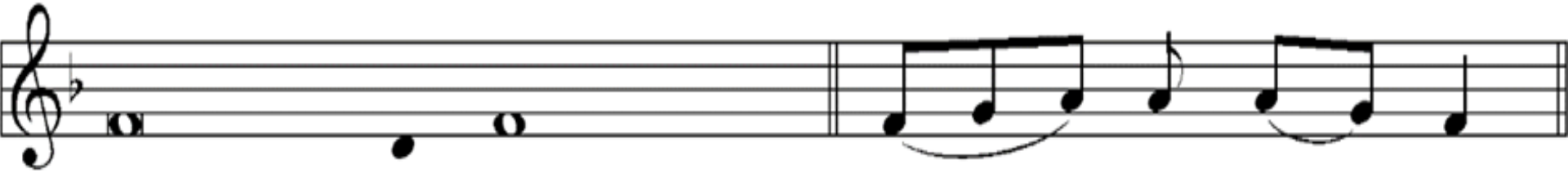


C Lord, have mer - cy.

* KYRIE



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... God of mystery, you come to us in obvious and subtle ways, calling us into your work of love and service to you and our neighbors. Equip and guide us in the work you provide and help us recognize you in all those we serve. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen

• **Scripture Reading**

**R: Our scripture reading is from
Acts, Chapter 9.**

C: Glory to you O' Lord!

*** GOSPEL: Acts 9:1-19a**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus,

*** GOSPEL: Acts 9:1-19a**

suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were

*** GOSPEL: Acts 9:1-19a**

traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

*** GOSPEL: Acts 9:1-19a**

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man

*** GOSPEL: Acts 9:1-19a**

named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for

*** GOSPEL: Acts 9:1-19a**

he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent

*** GOSPEL: Acts 9:1-19a**

me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

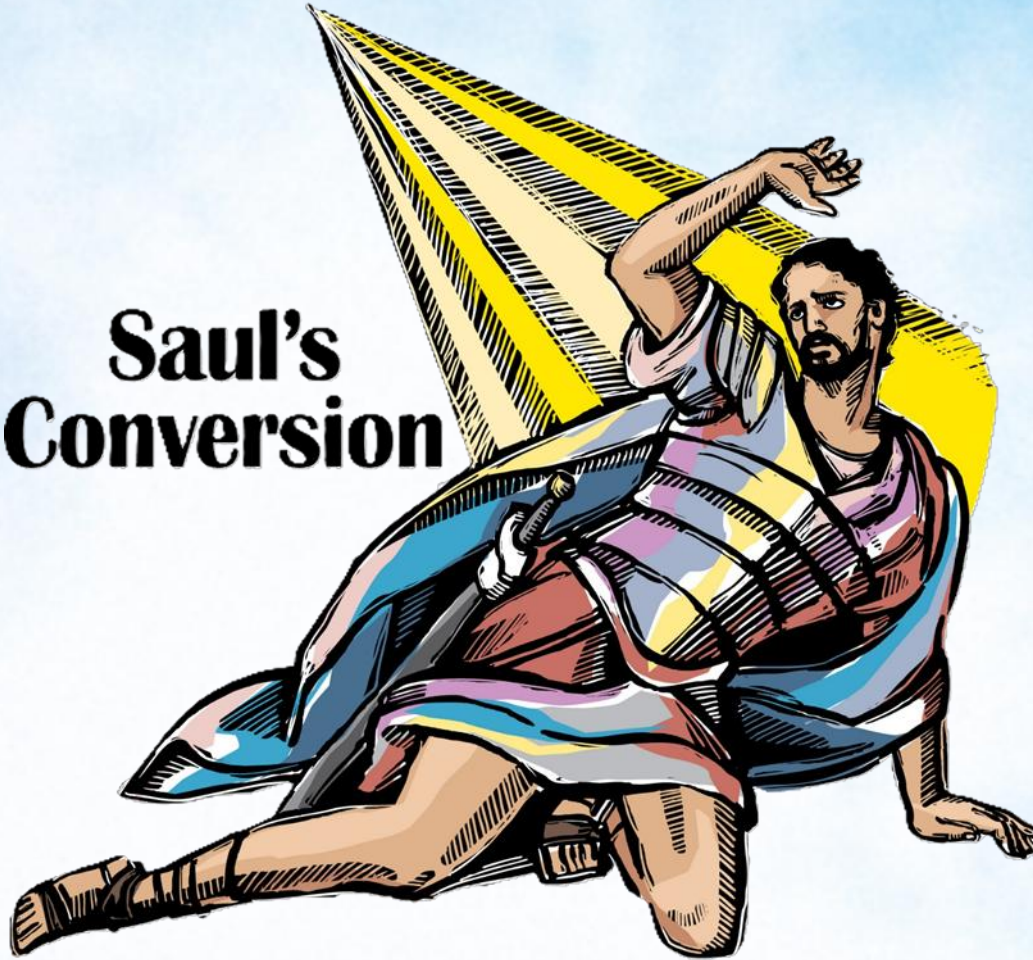
- **Acts 9:1-19a**

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

**Saul's
Conversion**



Sermon



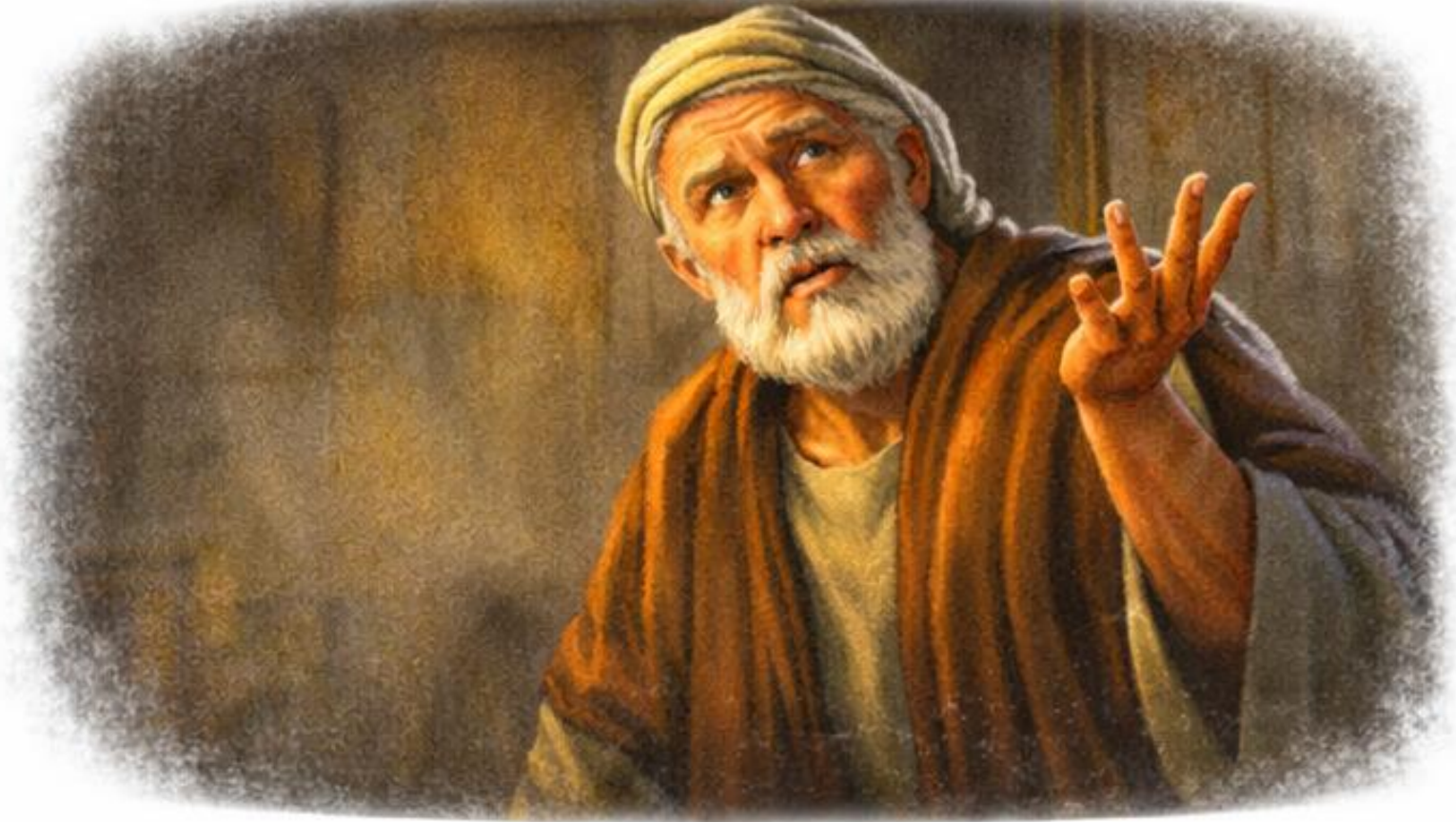
A Wrong Turn Leads to Grace

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Interrupted by Jesus

Sermon



You Want Me to Go Where?

Sermon



Brother Saul

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Sermon



From Wrong Roads to God's Grace

* **NICENE CREED**

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

* **NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

* **NICENE CREED**

C: 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.

* **NICENE CREED**

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

* **NICENE CREED**

**C: 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.**

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition will end with the words,

A: God of new life,

The congregation will respond with:

C: hear our prayer.

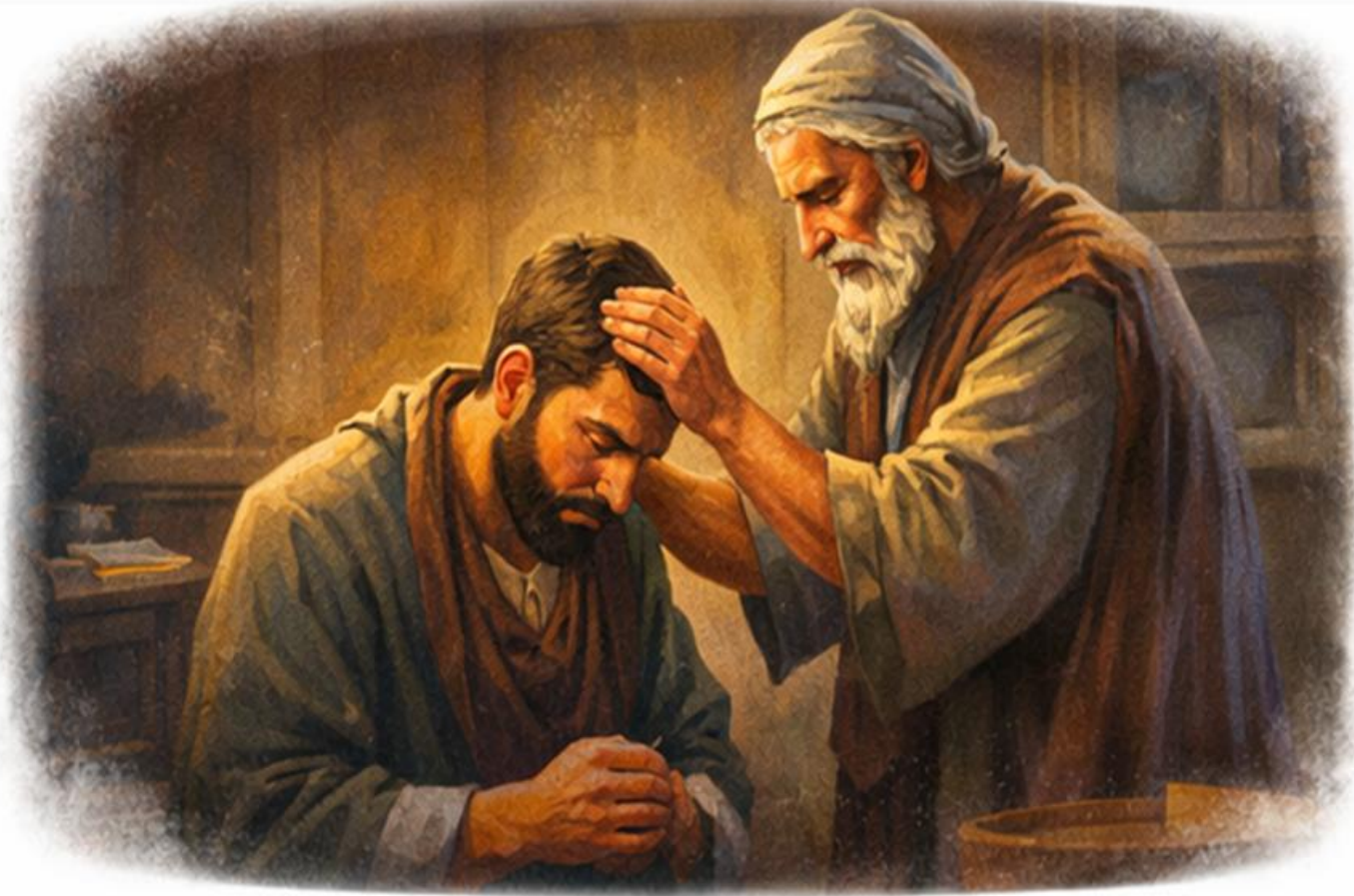
* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayer concludes...

P: Hear all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and gather them into your loving arms, for the sake of our risen savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

- **OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER**




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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Communion is continuous, by “Station”.

*All the Baptized are welcome to
celebrate this Holy Meal.*

* DIALOGUE




P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

The first line of dialogue consists of two parts. The first part, marked 'P' (Priest), has a melody of a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a whole note C5. The second part, marked 'C' (Cantor), has a melody of a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, and a quarter note B5.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

The second line of dialogue consists of two parts. The first part, marked 'P', has a melody of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, and a half note E5. The second part, marked 'C', has a melody of a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, and a quarter note G5.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The third line of dialogue is a single part marked 'P'. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a half note C5, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, and a whole note B5.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The fourth line of dialogue is a single part marked 'C'. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, a quarter note C6, a quarter note B5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note G5, and a whole note F5.

*** THE PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right and salutary...

**... we praise your name and join their
unending hymn.**

* THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy, living, and loving God...

...both now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** THE 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.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

*** INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The one who stood among his disciples and breathed on them the Holy Spirit stands among you here and invites you to experience his presence in this holy meal. Come, be fed and nourished for a life of faith.

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All may commune “By Station”.

The bread may be broken for distribution.

*As the ministers give the bread and wine,
they say these words :*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

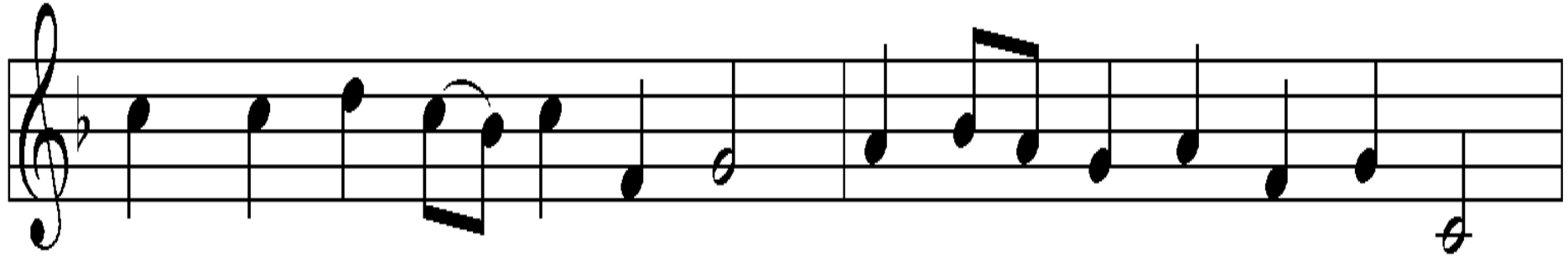
The communicant may say: **Amen.**

* **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May this Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us, ✝ now and forever.

C: Amen.

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE

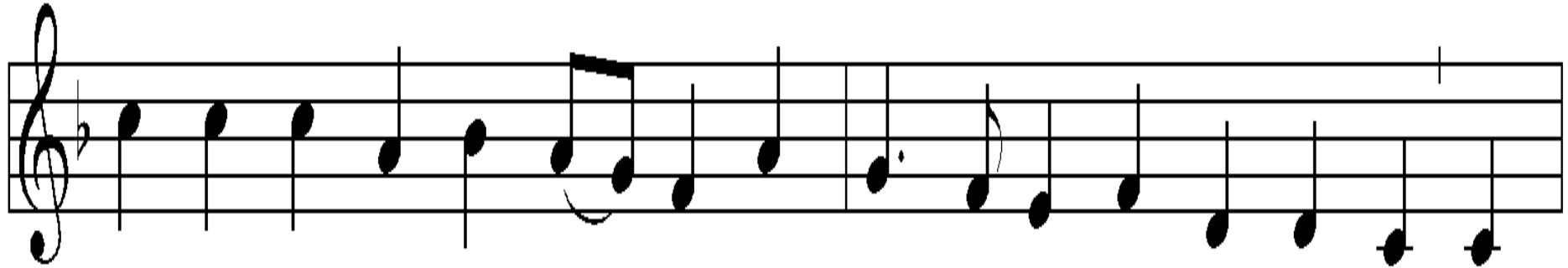


☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



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

* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE



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



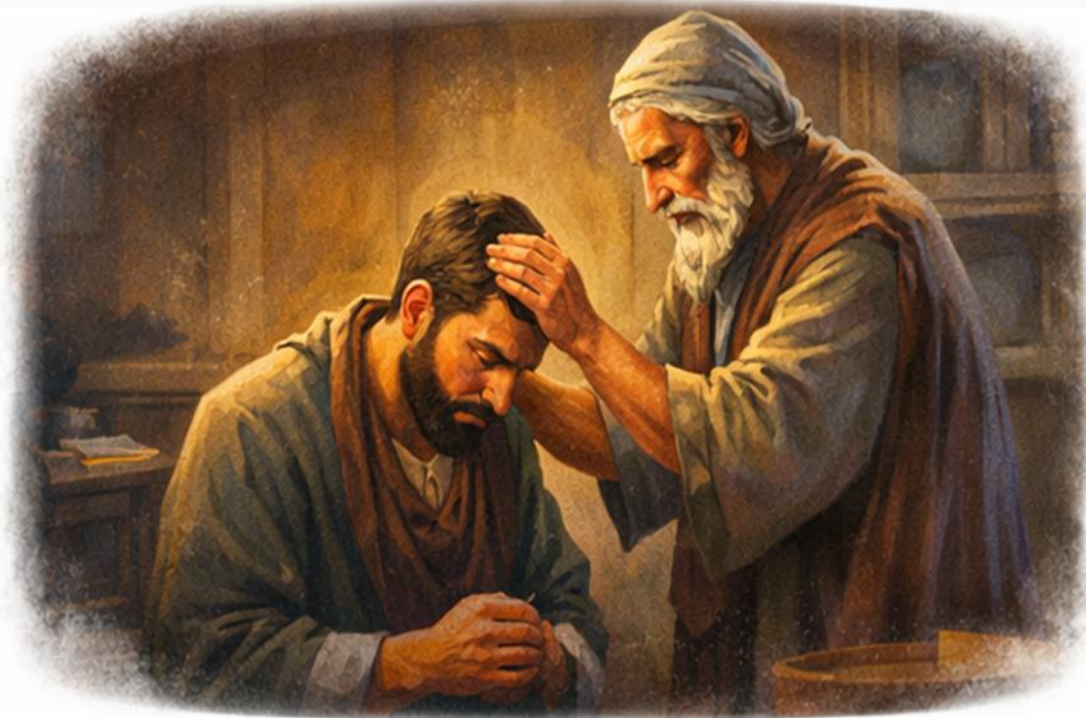
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*** POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus.

C: Amen

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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* SENDING BLESSING



Brother Saul

* SENDING SONG

**“Here I Am, Lord”
ELW 574**



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* "Here I Am, Lord"

ELW 574

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you
calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people
in my heart.

*** “Here I Am, Lord”**

ELW 574

**2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?"**

Refrain

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you
calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people
in my heart.

*** “Here I Am, Lord”**

ELW 574

**3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?"**

* “Here I Am, Lord”

ELW 574

Refrain

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you
calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people
in my heart.

* **DISMISSAL**

P: Depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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