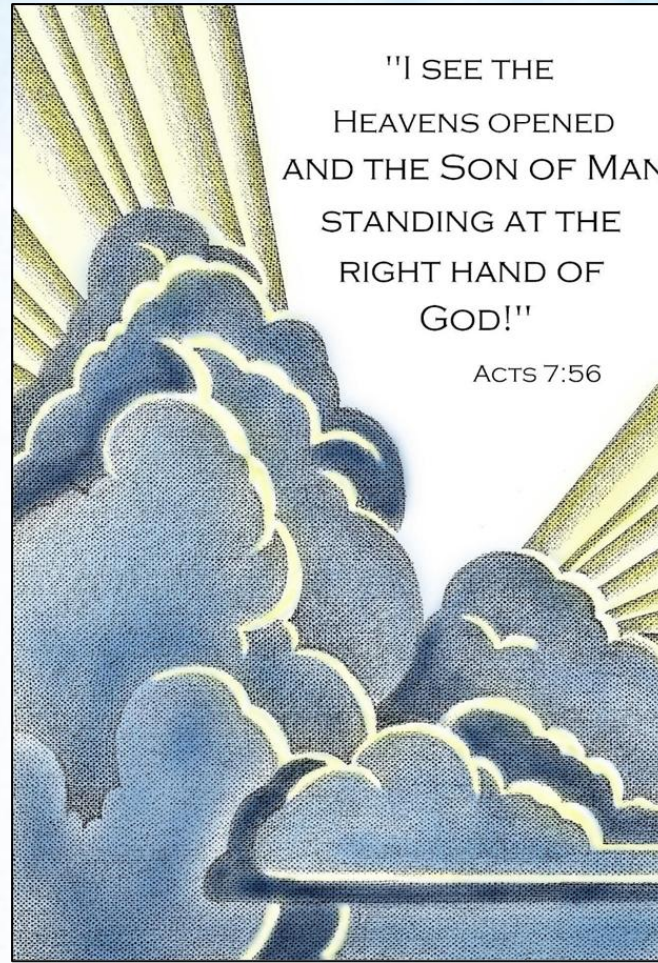


# WELCOME!

## Trinity Lutheran Church



**May 4, 2025**

- \* = 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: God of new life,**

# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: We live as though you are still in the grave. We do not rejoice in the good news of liberation for all people without exception. We continue to sin against you and our neighbors by our actions and our failure to act.**

# **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C: Shake us out of our complacency, cleanse our hearts of selfishness, and make us joyful participants in the work of bringing about your reign in the world today.**

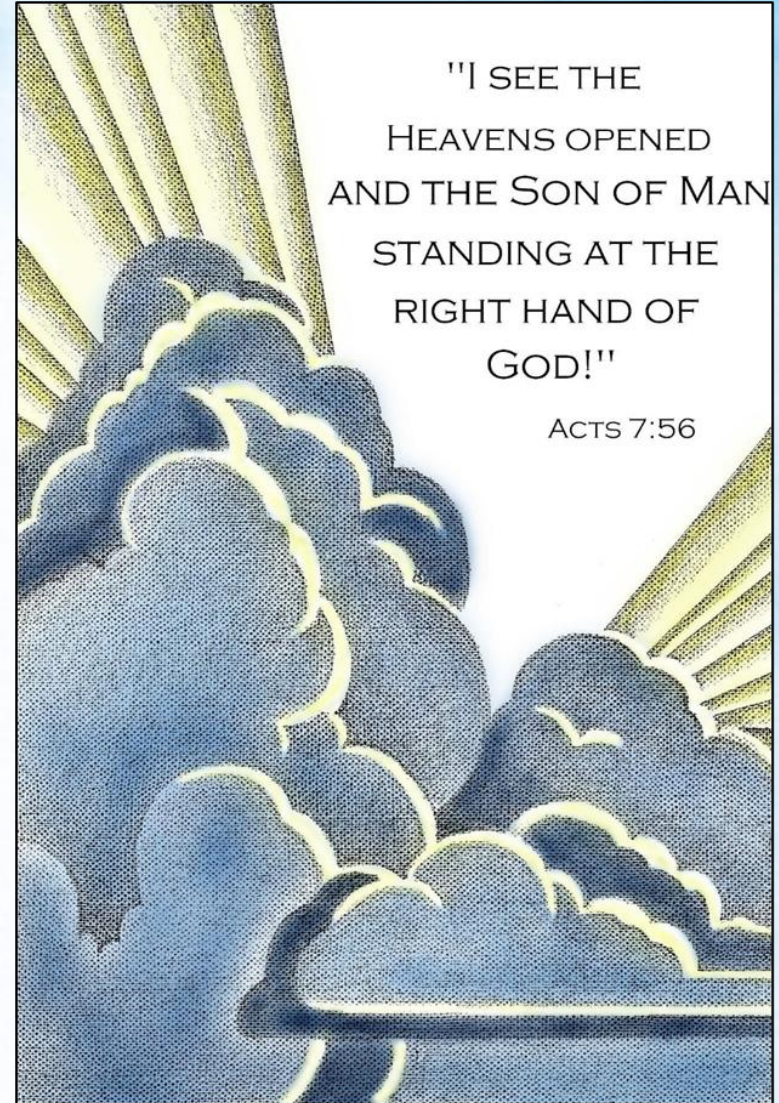
# \* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P: We are an Easter people! Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has redeemed all of creation. Know that you are made whole, forgiven of all your sins, and empowered to live out the gospel in joy.**

**C: Amen.**

# \*Gathering Song/Hymn of Praise

**“The Day of  
Resurrection!”  
ELW 361**



**\*“The Day of Resurrection!” ELW 361**

**1 The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over  
with hymns of victory.**

**\*“The Day of Resurrection!” ELW 361**

**2 Let hearts be purged of evil  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light,  
and list'ning to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and hearing,  
may raise the glad refrain.**

**\*“The Day of Resurrection!” ELW 361**

**3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph  
and all that is therein.**

**Let all things, seen and unseen,  
their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen,  
our joy that has no end!**

**\*“The Day of Resurrection!” ELW 361**

**4 All praise to God the Father,  
all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit,  
eternal Three in One!**

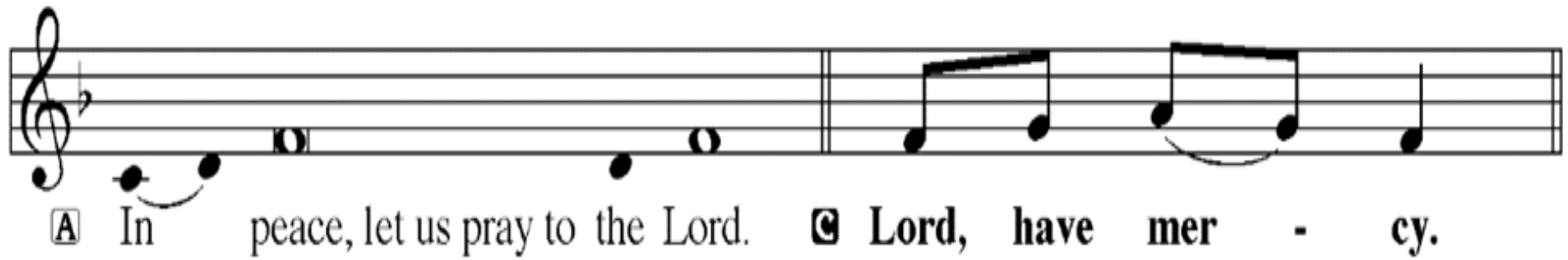
**Let all the ransomed number  
fall down before the throne,  
and honor, pow'r, and glory  
ascribe to God alone!**

# \* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

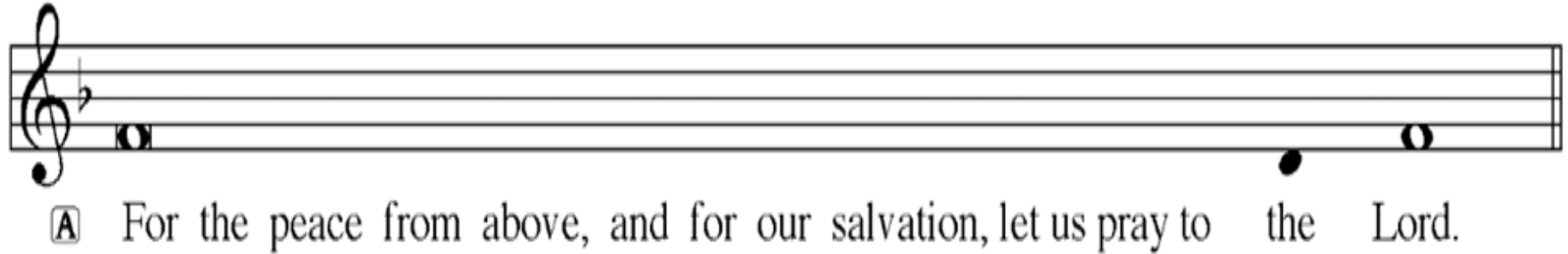
**P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**

**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,

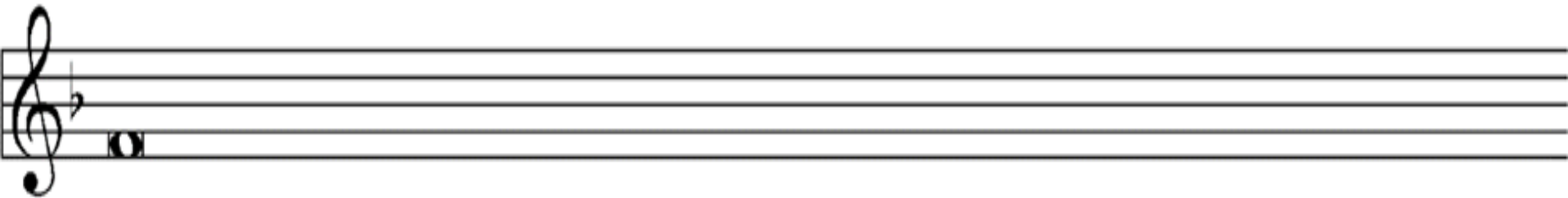


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**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... Gracious God, so often when we hear testimony, even from those we know and trust, we doubt the truth of your presence in our lives. Forgive us for our stubborn shortsightedness, and open our hearts to recognize the truth of your love for us. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen**



# • **Scripture Reading Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

**L: Our scripture reading is from Acts, Chapters 6 and 7.**

**C: Glory to you O' Lord!**

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

## **Chapter 6**

**Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, “It is not**

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, <sup>4</sup>while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” <sup>5</sup>What they said

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>The word of God continued to

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called),

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

**Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. <sup>10</sup>But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke.**

**<sup>11</sup>Then they secretly instigated some men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” <sup>12</sup>They stirred up**

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

**the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council.**

**<sup>13</sup>They set up false witnesses who said, “This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; <sup>14</sup>for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy**

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

**this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us.”<sup>15</sup> And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.**

## **Chapter 7**

**Then the high priest asked him, “Are these things so?”<sup>2</sup> And Stephen**

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

replied: <sup>44</sup>“Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen. <sup>45</sup>Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our ancestors. And

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

it was there until the time of David,<sup>46</sup> who found favor with God and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the house of Jacob.<sup>47</sup> But it was Solomon who built a house for him.<sup>48</sup> Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands; as the prophet says,<sup>49</sup> 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

**is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? <sup>50</sup>Did not my hand make all these things?’**

**<sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do.**

**<sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your**

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

**ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers.**

**<sup>53</sup>You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.”**

**<sup>54</sup>When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their**

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

**teeth at Stephen. <sup>55</sup>But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.**

**<sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against**

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

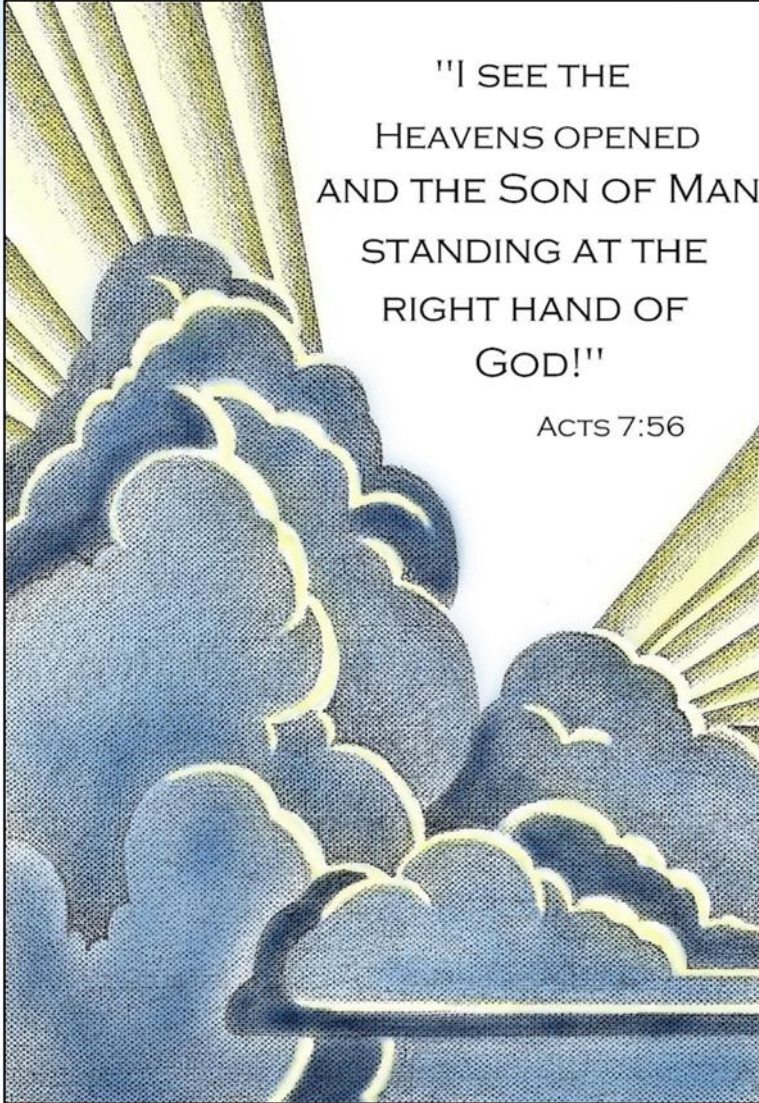
<sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”  
When he had said this, he died.

- **Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60**

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

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

# Sermon



"I SEE THE  
HEAVENS OPENED  
AND THE SON OF MAN  
STANDING AT THE  
RIGHT HAND OF  
GOD!"

ACTS 7:56

# Sermon



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## SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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# \* **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 – Finley Schmitmeyer

*Each petition will end with the words,*

**A: Holy and Wonderful God,**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

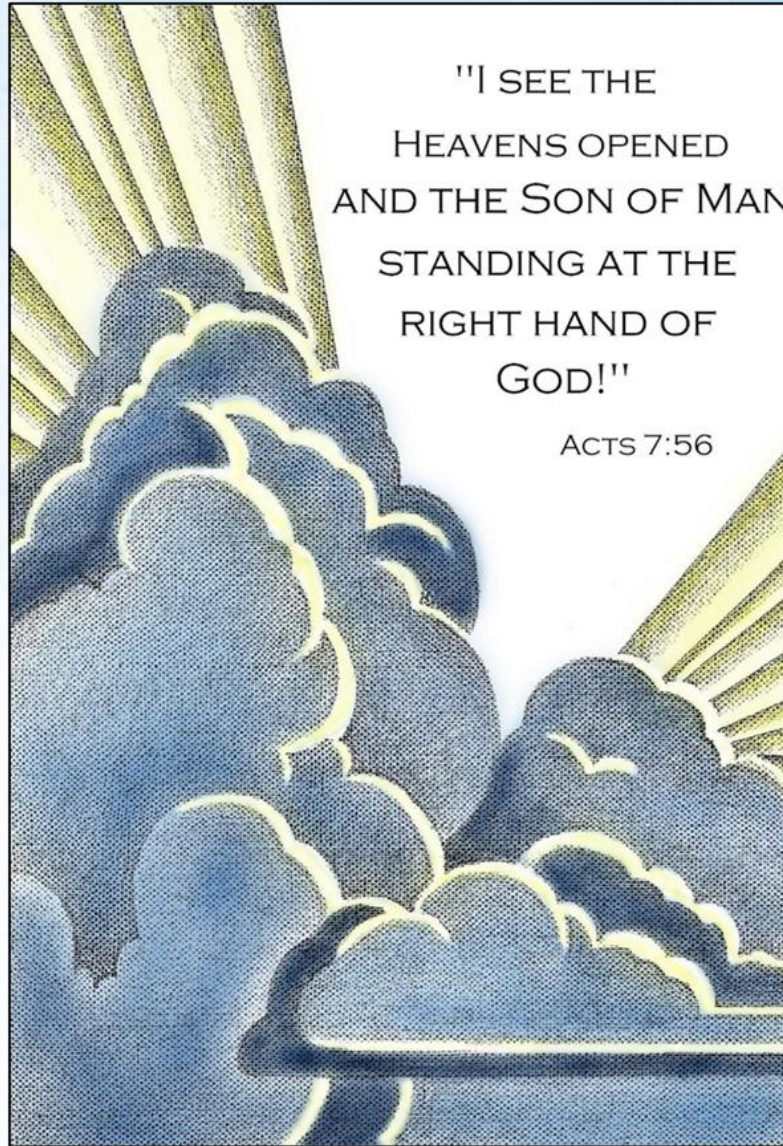
# \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayer concludes...*

**P:** These and the prayers of all creation we lift to you in Jesus' name.

**C:** Amen.

# \* OFFERING/PRAYER



# \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 musical phrases. The first phrase, marked with a 'P' (Piano), is a simple melody of four notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second phrase, marked with a 'C' (Crescendo), is a more active melody of seven notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, and G4.



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

The second line of dialogue consists of two musical phrases. The first phrase, marked with a 'P', is a melody of six notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, and A4. The second phrase, marked with a 'C', is a melody of seven notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, and G4.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The third line of dialogue consists of a single musical phrase marked with a 'P'. It is a melody of eight notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, and F#4.



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

The fourth line of dialogue consists of a single musical phrase marked with a 'C'. It is a melody of ten notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, and D4.

# **\* 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 Stephen confessed is still among us today, and meets us here in the bread and wine at this holy table. Come and be fed, that you might go forth and witness to his transformative love.**

- **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*All will commune “At the Railing”.*

*The bread may be broken for distribution.*

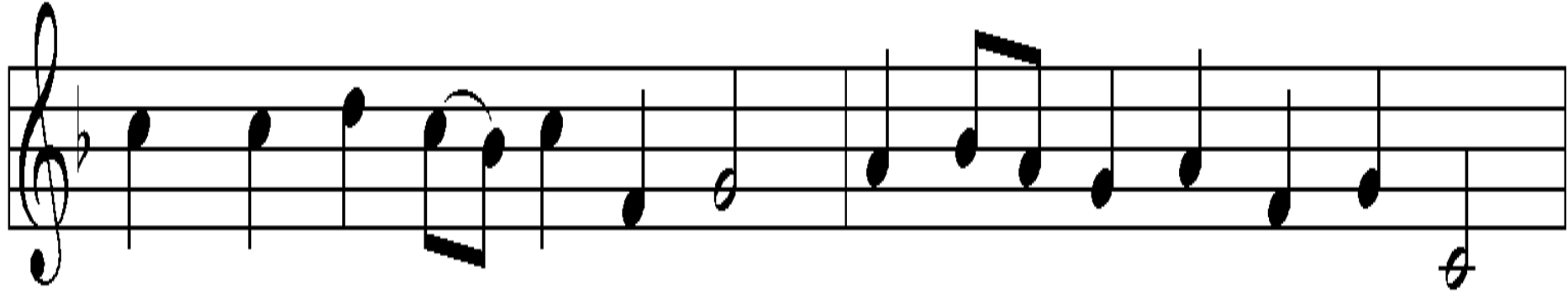
*As the ministers give the bread and wine,  
they say these words :*

**The body of Christ, given for you.**

**The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

*The communicant may say:* **Amen.**

# \* POST COMMUNION CANTACLE

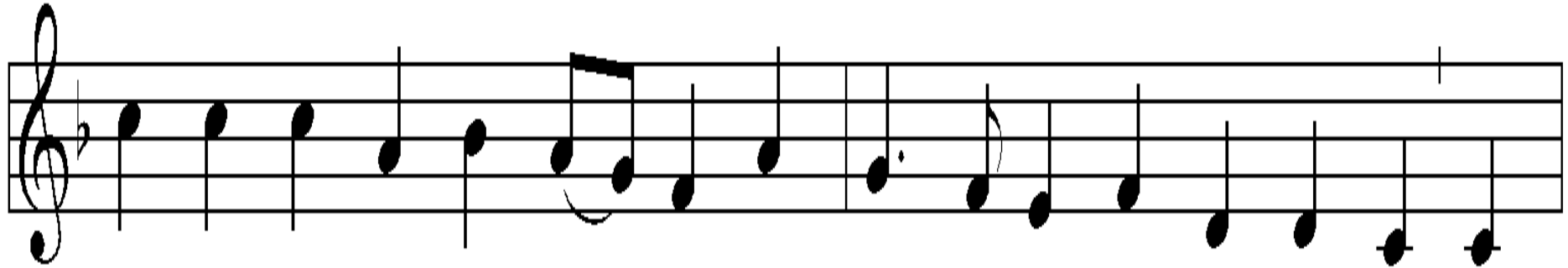


☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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:** Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

**C:** Amen.

# \* **SENDING OF HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

**P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.**

# \* **SENDING OF HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

**P:** In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion, that through the body and blood of your Son we may all know the hope of your promised coming in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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*Announcements*

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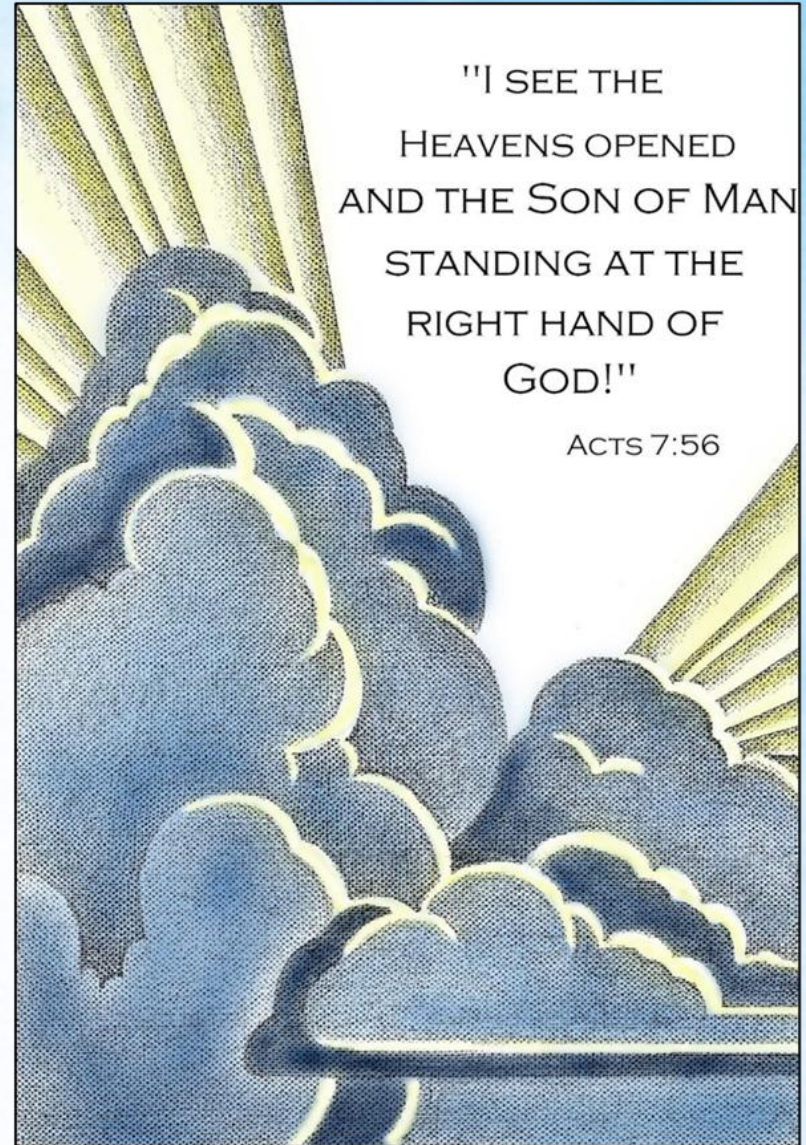
# \* **SENDING BLESSING**

**P:** The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, ✝ now and always.

**C:** Amen.

# \* Sending Song

**“God of Grace  
and God of Glory”  
LBW 415**



**\*“God of Grace and God of Glory” -- LBW 415**

**1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow’r;  
crown your ancient church’s story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow’r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

**\*“God of Grace and God of Glory” -- LBW 415**

**2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears  
that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,**

**\*“God of Grace and God of Glory” -- LBW 415**

**3 Cure your children’s  
warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton,  
selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom’s goal.**

**\*“God of Grace and God of Glory” -- LBW 415**

**4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.**

# \* **DISMISSAL**

**P: ... Depart in Christ's Love.**

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

## **POSTLUDE**

**By**

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