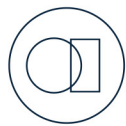




EMBRACE THE
CROSS ANTICIPATE THE
CROWN
SYNOD CONVENTION 2023



OPENING WORSHIP

JULY 31, 2023

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Saginaw, Michigan



Welcome to worship

This convention appropriately begins with worship. May the Lord bless us as we praise his name and proclaim his truth to one another, gaining strength to embrace our crosses as we anticipate crowns in glory.

There are restrooms, a mother's room, and a room for small children on the lower level.

Convention worship themes

All sermons and devotions at this convention are based on readings from the Revelation of St. John.

Dr. Siegbert Becker, who taught at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary from 1969–1984, wrote a wonderful book about Revelation. He chose the title *Revelation: The Distant Triumph Song*. This echoes the hymn “For All the Saints”: “And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph-song” (stanza 5, see page 16). The hymn ably carries the theme of this convention: “Embrace the Cross—Anticipate the Crown.” A simple summary of Revelation's theme is this: At times Christian life will be terribly difficult, but God promises that we will enjoy eternal victory in the end. This promise gives us perspective and strength for carrying our crosses. Becker's book described the message of Revelation this way:

Just as Christ came to glory and exaltation by way of humiliation and death (Php 2:6-11), just as he was made “perfect through suffering” (He 2:10), so the royal priesthood of believers must also expect to come to the crown of life by way of the cross. . . .

In a time of testing the book of Revelation was written. The Roman authorities were making a concerted effort to wipe out the infant church. . . . In such a time of danger and temptation the Savior once more rephrased the lesson his church should have learned from his victory. Like the Savior himself, they too were kings and priests. But the manifestation of their kingship and their priesthood was to come only after suffering and death. “We live by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor 5:7). It is a lesson we all need to learn. . . .

John teaches us not to look for victories in this world and in this life. Instead, Revelation reminds us of the words of the Savior, “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33). (Pages 1-4)

In his commentary from *The People's Bible* series, Wayne Mueller (who also taught at the seminary, 1984–1990) summarizes the purpose of Revelation: “It provides the suffering church a beautiful new assurance of Jesus' final victory. Revelation is an expansion of the risen and ascended Savior's promise ‘Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age’ (Matthew 28:20). Revelation centers on Jesus and his defeat of sin, death, and the devil” (page 1).

The distant triumph-song is echoed in the refrain of today's Song of Praise (a substitute for the Gloria in excelsis): “God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory” (see page 4). This hymn comes from the Service Music section of the new hymnal (933ff). Hymns in this section may replace canticles in various services.

This service features musical resources far beyond most congregations, but it also models ways to introduce unfamiliar songs. While some of the music for instrumentalists and choir in today's service is challenging, some is quite simple—possible in most congregations with a single vocal soloist and instrumentalists of modest ability.

Preservice Music

The first two selections are based on a hymn new to WELS. The tune is well known in Germany and appears in the hymnal of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The text by the great hymn writer Paul Gerhardt was newly translated for CW21. To follow the text or tune, see page 8.

Befiehl du deine Wege, Helmut Walcha

Entrust Your Fear and Doubting, Kenneth Kosche. From *Alive in Christ: Hymn Preludes for Organ*, available from NPH: 2700085.

Fantasy on Lobe den Herren, Aaron David Miller

As the hymn is introduced, stand and face the processional cross in the back of the church. Follow its path to the chancel, where it serves as a symbol of the focus of Christian worship.

Processional Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty CW 624

Setting by Michael D. Costello, adapted

Those wishing to sing stanzas 2 and 3 in harmony may use one of the pew hymnals.

Stanza 3 is sung without accompaniment.

An interlude precedes stanza 4.



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear now to his
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how all that's
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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

Confession and Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of 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.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

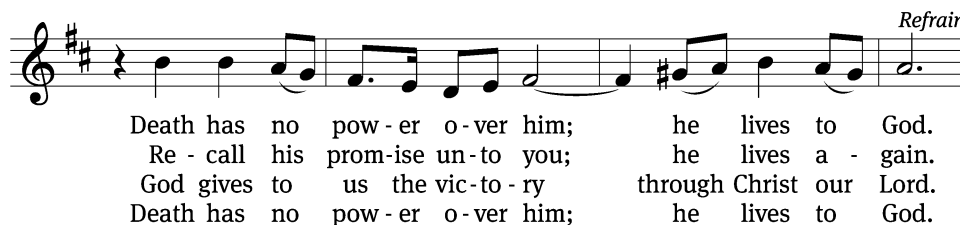
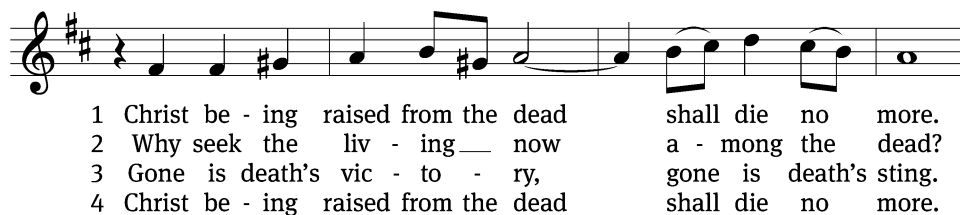


Song of Praise

God's Right Hand and Holy Arm CW 937

Setting by K. Lee Scott

The choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated. The choir sings verses 1-3. The congregation joins for verse 4.



The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Daniel 7:9,10,13,14

For all of life's crosses we take comfort in the prophesied and fulfilled reign and rule of Christ.

⁹“As I looked,

‘thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated,
and the books were opened.’

¹³“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100A

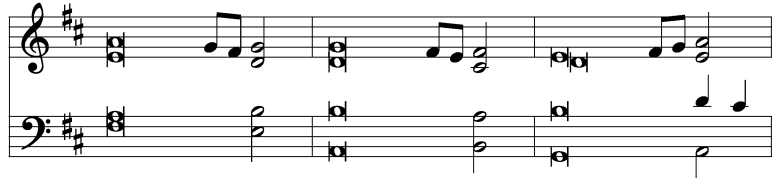
The choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.
Sing the psalm responsively by verse with the choir.

Refrain



En - ter his gates with thanks-giv - ing.

Tone



Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth.

Worship the LORD with / gladness;
come before him with / joyful songs.

Know that the / LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and / we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his / pasture. Refrain**

Enter his gates with thanks- / giving
and his / courts with praise;
give thanks to him and / praise his name.

**For the / LORD is good
and his love endures for- / ever;
his faithfulness continues through all gener- / ations.**

**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**

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b–8

A vision of Christ's triumphant return gives strength for facing our crosses.

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
 and “every eye will see him,
 even those who pierced him”;
 and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
 So shall it be! Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

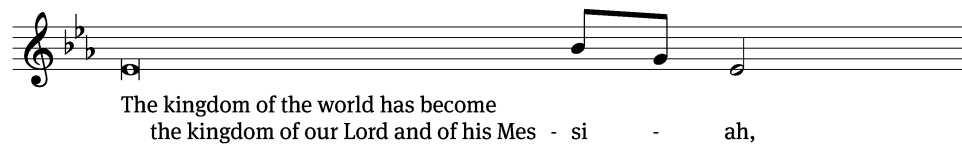
Revelation 11:15

*The choir sings the refrain. All repeat the refrain and sing it again as indicated.
 The choir sings the verse.*

Refrain



Tone



Gospel

Matthew 6:25–34

God’s promise of loving care puts all crosses into perspective.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the pagans run after all these

things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

Entrust Your Fear and Doubting CW 841

Piano setting by Mikayla Spanovitch

The cantor sings stanzas 1 and 2.



1 En - trust your fear and doubt - ing and all that pains your life
 2 Have faith in God's vast mer - cy; con - sid - er all he's done:
 3 In vain the pow'rs of e - vil op - pose the Lord's de - signs;
 4 Take hope, O wea - ry spir - it, be strong and un - a - fraid;
 5 These trou - bles that dis - tress us, Lord, bring them to an end;



to him whose hand is guid - ing your way thro' storm and strife.
 his might - y acts in his - t'ry, sal - va - tion he has won.
 in all of life's up - heav - al his prom - ise ev - er shines.
 God prom - is - es a res - pite for hearts that are dis - mayed.
 with strength and cour - age bless us, your love to us com - mend,



He gov - erns times and sea - sons in ways that none can see,
 When sor - rows o - ver - whelm you and self - tor - ment - ing care,
 For God holds firm the end - ing, though now it seems un - clear;
 Your Sav - ior's per - fect tim - ing is gov - erned by his grace;
 that we, till death ac - cept - ing your hid - den, lov - ing ways,



so trust his hid - den rea - sons, though dark your path may be.
 your wor - ry will not help you— ap - proach his throne in prayer.
 his pur - pose is un - bend - ing, and thus you need not fear.
 the day is sure - ly com - ing when joy will light your face.
 may then, new life at - tain - ing, give praise for end - less days.

Sermon

Revelation 1:4b-8

It's All about Jesus

Stand

Nicene Creed *Credo*

**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

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. [Especially bless . . . *name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

Offering

Variations on “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me,” Johann Gottfried Walther

The special 2023 synod convention offering will be split between the two synods with which WELS is declaring or affirming fellowship: Obadiah Lutheran Synod in Uganda and Iglesia Cristo WELS Internacional of Latin America.

Online giving information is included on page 18.

The Sacrament

Stand

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff is a short instrumental introduction. The second staff begins with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.' The third staff continues with 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -'. The fourth staff continues with 'na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fifth staff continues with 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -'. The sixth staff concludes with 'na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!' and ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

CW 202



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

Be seated

Distribution

Holy Communion is served by continuous distribution. At the direction of the ushers, approach the altar and receive the body of the Lord from the minister. You may extend your hand to receive the wafer. To receive the blood of the Lord, you may guide the cup with your hand or use an individual cup.

If you require a gluten-free wafer, take one from the small plate before proceeding to the minister.

Hymn

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me CW 831

Those wishing to sing stanzas 3 and 4 in harmony may use one of the pew hymnals.



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, though their weight
3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, and I will
4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, for I am
5 Since I know God nev - er fails me, in his voice



with his cheer; nev - er will he leave me.
may be great, they will not de - feat me.
trust him still when he sends me sad - ness.
his dear lamb, he, my Shep - herd ev - er.
I'll re - joice when grim death as - sails me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en that God's Son
God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sees them; he who knows
God is good; his love at - tends me day by day,
I am his be - cause he gave me his own blood
Trust - ing in my Sav - ior's mer - it, safe at last,



for me won when his life was giv - en?
all my woes knows how best to end them.
come what may, guides me and de - fends me.
for my good, by his death to save me.
trou - bles past, I shall heav'n in - her - it.

Choir Anthem

Around the Throne

Text by Rowland Hill (1744-1833), music by Steve Jenkins, 1992.

A version of the tune is in CW21, hymn 475.

Around the throne, a glorious band,
The saints in countless numbers stand,
Of ev'ry tongue, redeemed to God,
Arrayed in garments washed in blood. Alleluia.

Through tribulation great they came;
They bore the cross, despised the shame;
From all their labors now they rest
In God's eternal glory blest. Alleluia.

They see their Savior face to face,
 And sing the triumphs of his grace;
 Each day and night they sing his praise,
 To him the loud thanksgiving raise, Alleluia.

“Worthy the Lamb, for sinners slain,
 Through endless years to live and reign;
 You have redeemed us by your blood,
 And made us kings and priests to God.” Alleluia!

Oh, may we tread the sacred road,
 That saints and holy martyrs trod;
 Wage to the end the glorious strive
 And win, like them, the crown of life. Alleluia.

Hymn

For All the Saints CW 880

Those wishing to sing stanzas 4-6 in harmony may use one of the pew hymnals.



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold
 4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old and
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.



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 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

After the distribution

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace.

Amen.

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 you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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.

Hymn

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending CW 487

Setting by Kevin Hildebrand



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him
3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion
4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee

once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
those who set at naught and sold him,
cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

swell the tri - umph of his train:
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Christ re - veals his end - less reign.
wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture, gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

Postlude

Allegro assai vivace from *Organ Sonata I*, Felix Mendelssohn

Serving at worship

Preacher: Rev. James Huebner, WELS first vice president

Presiding minister: Rev. Mark Schroeder, WELS president

Organ and piano: Owen Eubank

Trumpet: Garrett Robinson, Luke Robinson

Trombone: Prof. Carl Boeder, Kevin Needham

Timpani: Tutor Jeremiah Wallander

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Cantor: Jon Hermanson

Flute: Tutor Megan Buth

Guitar: Will Eubank

Choir: MLS Concert Choir, directed by Prof. Joshua Wendt

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