

# THE LORD REIGNS!

**MAY 12 - 8AM**



Hearing assisted devices are available at the sound booth.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OPENING HYMN**

*"God Is Here!"*

**ELW 526**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray... Lord,

**thank you for taking us by the hand. Remind us of your ever present, ever active, and unfailing love. Amen.**

## **CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

*"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"*

**ELW 461**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **A READING FROM PSALM 73**

<sup>1</sup>Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart. <sup>2</sup>But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped. <sup>3</sup>For I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked. <sup>4</sup>For they have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek. <sup>5</sup>They are not

in trouble as others are; they are not plagued like other people.<sup>6</sup>Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them like a garment.<sup>7</sup>Their eyes swell out with fatness; their hearts overflow with follies.<sup>8</sup>They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.<sup>9</sup>They set their mouths against heaven, and their tongues range over the earth.<sup>10</sup>Therefore the people turn and praise them, and find no fault in them.<sup>11</sup>And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?"<sup>12</sup>Such are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.<sup>13</sup>All in vain I have kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.<sup>14</sup>For all day long I have been plagued, and am punished every morning.<sup>15</sup>If I had said, "I will talk on in this way," I would have been untrue to the circle of your children.<sup>16</sup>But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task,<sup>17</sup>until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I perceived their end.<sup>18</sup>Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.<sup>19</sup>How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!<sup>20</sup>They are like a dream when one awakes; on awaking you despise their phantoms.<sup>21</sup>When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,<sup>22</sup>I was stupid and ignorant; I was like a brute beast toward you.<sup>23</sup>Nevertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.<sup>24</sup>You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor.<sup>25</sup>Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.<sup>26</sup>My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.<sup>27</sup>Indeed, those who are far from you will perish; you put an end to those who are false to you.<sup>28</sup>But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, to tell of all your works.

THE WORD OF THE LORD. THANKS BE TO GOD.

## REFLECTION

Pastor John Anderson

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Abide with Me"*

ELW 629

## OFFERING PRAYER

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, we praise you for Psalm 73! We praise you for the reality that we can be near to you, and this is good. This is better than anything this world offers us. Jesus, we pray all of this in your name. For you have made nearness to God a reality for us now and forever. In your name we pray, **Amen!**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

*“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

**ELW 789**

### SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

**Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us:

**Sunday, May 19**

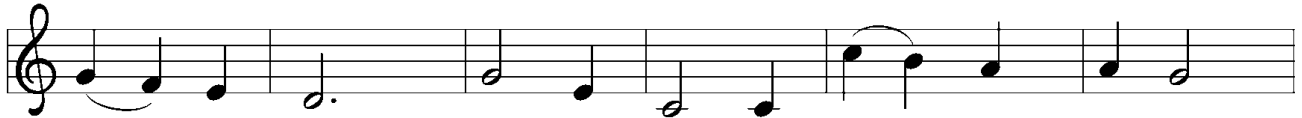
**8am & 10am – Worship**

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# God Is Here!



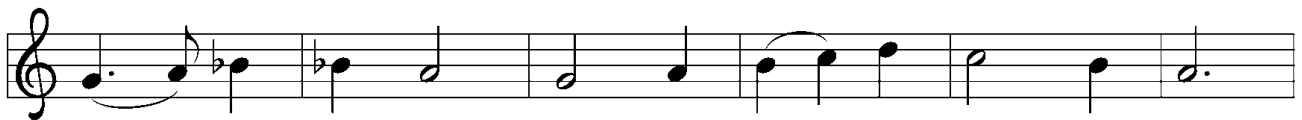
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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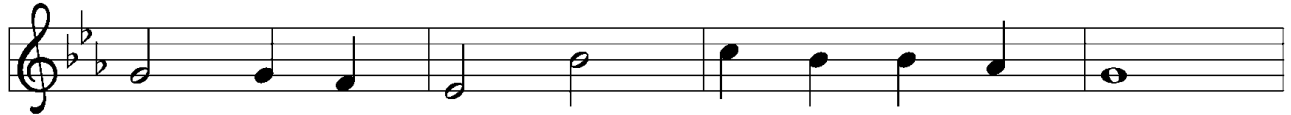
Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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# Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

Thank You, Lord, for the open doors of the Church. Thank You for the exuberant little ones, for the faithful retired attendees. Thank You for the piano playing, the guitar tuning up, the voices of all ranges reaching the roofs. Thank You for all who lead us in Worship. Thank You for Your Word remaining the same all over the world. Thank You for the body coming alongside us. Thank You for loving us through the Church. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, we say together right now, that for us, it's good to be near you. We praise you for nearness to you. We praise you for the privilege of relationship with you. And we say we have made you our refuge, and we are glad in you. You hold us by your right hand, you will guide us with your counsel, and you will receive us into glory. There is nothing on earth that can do that. We have nothing on earth that we desire beside you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, we make you our refuge and we pray that you'd help us to tell of your good news to all whom we meet. God, help us to lead people to be near to you, to have refuge in you, to be received into glory by you, to know that you're better than everything else this world offers. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord, today we lift up to you all who are hurting in mind, body, or Spirit. We pray especially for *Vanessa, Jeanne, Glenn, Heather, Betty, Florence, Bob, Myrna, Jim, Shirley and Mark*. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God, we praise you for Psalm 73! We praise you for the reality that we can be near to you, and this is good. This is better than anything this world offers us. Jesus, we pray all of this in your name. For you have made nearness to God a reality for us now and forever. In your name we pray, **Amen!**