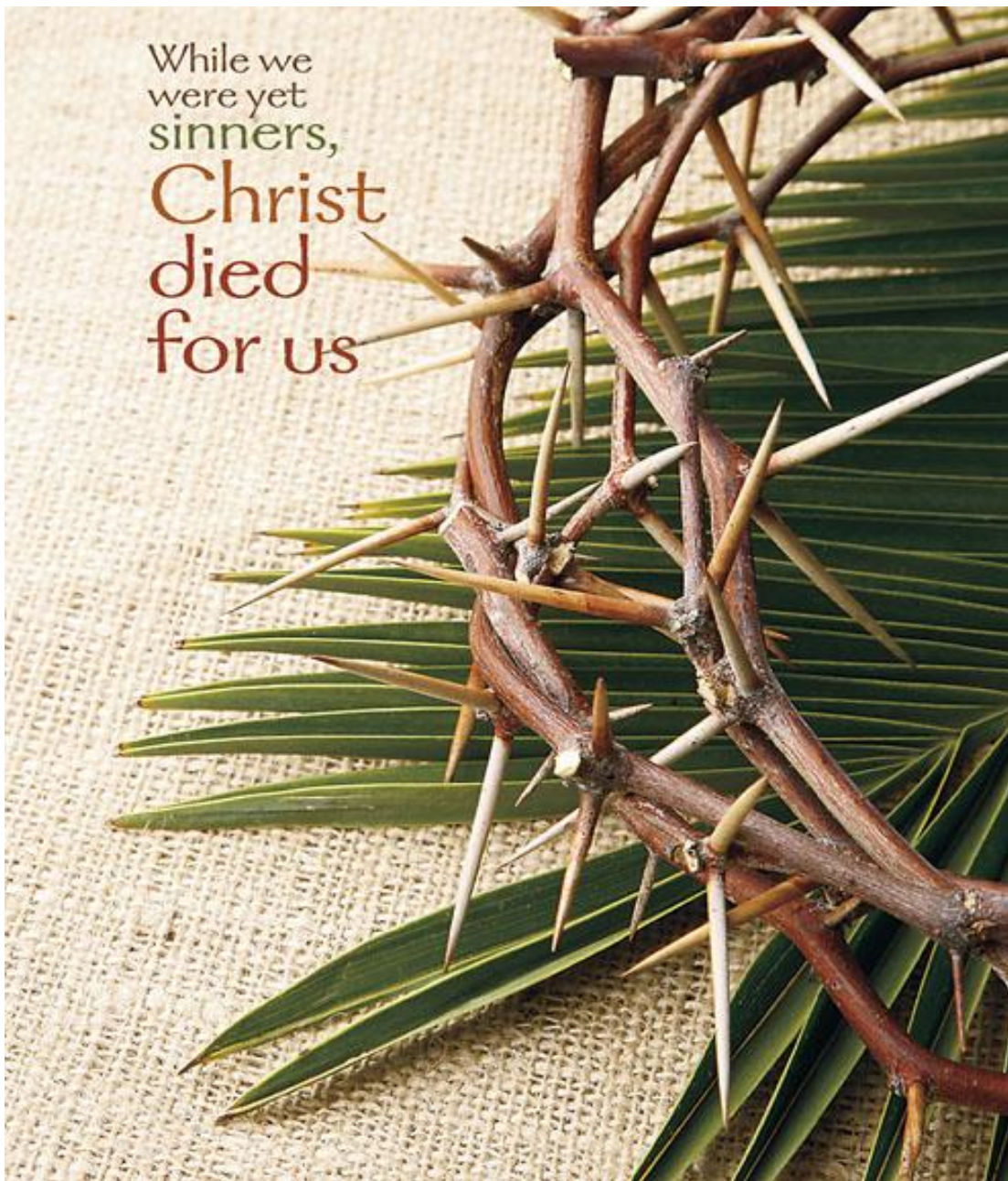


While we
were yet
sinners,
Christ
died
for us



St. Luke Lutheran Church
The Way of the Cross - Good Friday
April 18, 2025, 12:00 Noon

Welcome to
St. Luke Lutheran Church
20 Candlewood Path
Dix Hills, NY 11746-5398
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Welcome!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome both members and guests to His church. We are present this day to worship Him. In this service we thank and honor our Lord for His many blessings and seek His guidance and comfort for each day of life.

- ❖ Be **reverent** and **thoughtful** in this Holy place.
- ❖ **Before** the service, speak with God.
- ❖ **During** the service, let God speak to you.
- ❖ **After** the service, speak to one another.

As We Gather: We begin our worship today praising the lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the world. For this saving work, Christ is truly worthy of praise, adoration, thanks and honor. He is truly worthy of our worship because of who He is and what He has done for us. Now we shall hear again the great story of salvation that was won for us by the Lamb of God. Rejoice! For the lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia!

Holy Communion is celebrated at each Worship Service.

The Lord's Supper is a gift from our Savior in which He offers us Himself and His forgiveness. Those who partake witness their love for Him and their faith and fellowship for each other. If you have confessed your sins and if you have been properly instructed regarding the Lord's Supper and believe in the presence of Christ in the form of bread and wine, which are the body and blood of Christ, please join us for the celebration of Holy Communion.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

8:15am & 10:45am w/ Sunday School

Contemporary Band plays Sundays two times/month (check online calendar)

Sundays at 10:45 AM

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Sunday morning between services at 9:30 AM

Wednesday Mornings online at 10:00 AM

The **C.A.R.E Team** encourages *anyone experiencing illness or a challenging situation in their life to reach out to us for support. Support can consist of emotional/spiritual support, meals, transportation, help with errands or chores, and other areas as they are identified. Contact via **Hotline: (631) 600-0271***
Or email careteam@stlukedixhills.org Coordinators: Trish Klare & Amanda Fenty

Mission Statement

To know Christ and make him known by Serving, Teaching, and Loving.

PRELUDE

"Beneath the Cross" - Emma Lou Diemer

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Pastor: You spoke of love, yet were mocked and humiliated as hate could only do. You committed no crime, yet were beaten as the worst criminal. You healed with a touch of your hand, you raised those that had died with your command, yet you were nailed to a cross in retribution. Here at the foot of the cross we know that we deserve these punishments, yet we still try to hide our guilt. Forgive us Lord, for we know not what we do. Fill our hearts Lord, with the same love of forgiveness so we too may forgive as you have first forgiven us, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" vv. 1 & 4


1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,

sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot-steps tread - ing,
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;

Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence

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hope and love, Let us do the Fa-ther's bid-ding. Faith-ful
con-stant-ly, Liv-ing there with You for-ev-er. Je-sus,

Lord, with me a-bide; I shall fol-low where You guide.
let me faith-ful be, Life e-ter-nal grant to me.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

People: 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

First Station

"Jesus is condemned to death" (Mark 1:1-2, 12-15)

Reader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led Him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate spoke to the crowd: "What do you wish me to do with the man you call the king of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him!" So after flogging Jesus, Pilate handed him over to be crucified.

Reader: God did not spare his own son.

People: But delivered him up for us all.

Please use this time to reflect on the 1st Station.

Second Station

“Jesus Takes Up His Cross” (John 19:17; Hebrews 5:8, Isaiah 53:7, Revelation 5:12)

Reader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You.

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Carrying the cross himself, Jesus went out to the place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. Like a Lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. Worthy is the Lamb who has slain to receive Power and riches, and wisdom and strength, and honor and glory and blessing.

Reader: The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

People: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Please use this time to reflect on the 2nd Station.

Third Station

“The cross is laid on Simon of Cyrene” (Luke 23:26, Matthew 16:34; Matthew 11:29)

Reader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

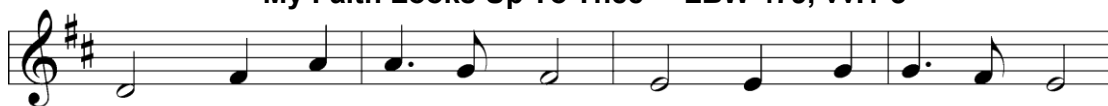
As they led Jesus away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Reader: Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me

People: cannot be my disciple.

Please use this time to reflect on the 3rd Station.

HYMN
“My Faith Looks Up To Thee” –LBW 479, vv.1-3



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark-ness turn to day, Wipe sor-row's



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.

Pastor: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his footsteps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus.

People: **Amen.**

Fourth Station

“Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem” (Luke 23:27-28)

Reader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

A great number of the people followed Jesus, and among them were women who were wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children.”

Reader: Those who sow with tears

People: **will reap with songs of joy.**

Please use this time to reflect on the 4th Station.

“Be Thou My Vision” – WOV 776



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

OFFERING

“Jesu, Enduring Suffering and Death” —Max Reger

Fifth Station

“Jesus is stripped of his garments” (Mark 15:22-23; John 19:24)

Reader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When they came to a place called Golgotha, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. The soldiers divided his garments among them by casting lots. This was to fulfill what the scripture says, "They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots."

Reader: They gave me gall to eat.

People: and when I was thirsty they me vinegar to drink.

Please use this time to reflect on the 5th Station.

"There Is a Green Hill Far Away" –LBW 114



1 There is a green hill far a - way, out - side a cit - y wall,
2 We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear,
3 He died that we might be for - giv'n; he died to make us good,



where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, who died to save us all.
but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.
that we might go at last to heav'n, saved by his pre - cious blood.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant this cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sixth Station

"Jesus is nailed to the cross" (Luke 23:33; Isaiah 53:12)

Reader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless you.

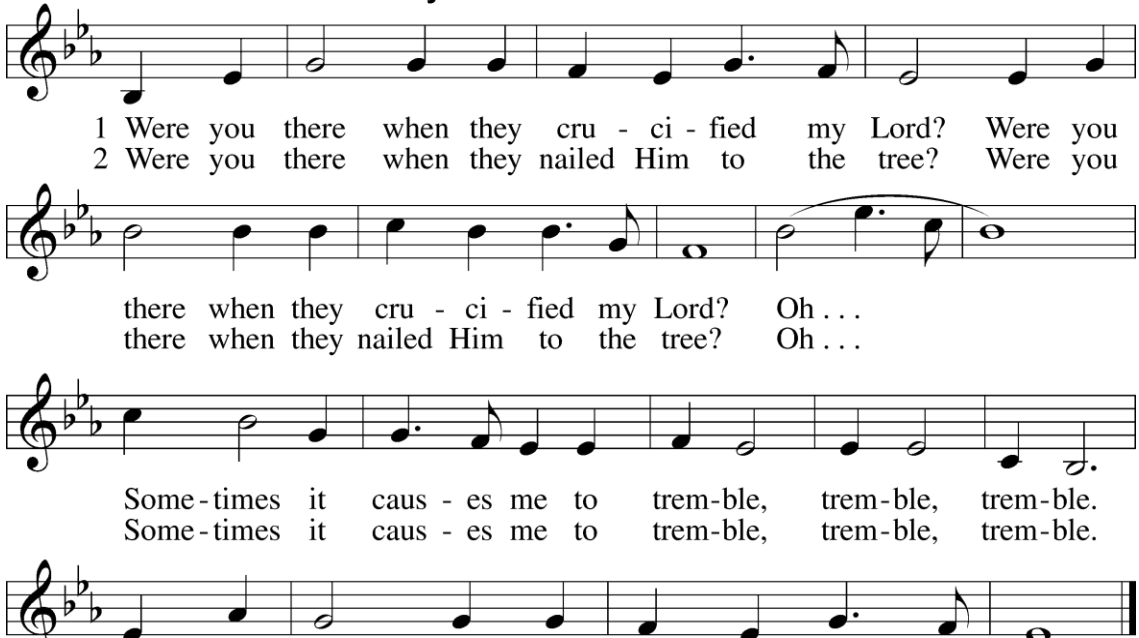
People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Jesus; and with Him they crucified two criminals, one on the right and one on the left. He poured out himself to death, and yet he bore the sin of many.

Reader: they pierce my hands and my feet
People: **they stare and gloat over me.**

Please use this time to reflect on the 6th Station.

“Were you There” –LBW 92 vv.1 & 2



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you

there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh ...
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh ...

Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.
Some-times it caus - es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
People: **have mercy on us.**

Seventh Station

“Jesus dies on the cross” (John 19:26, 30)

Reader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: **By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.**

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother.” And when Jesus had received the vinegar he said, “It is finished!” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

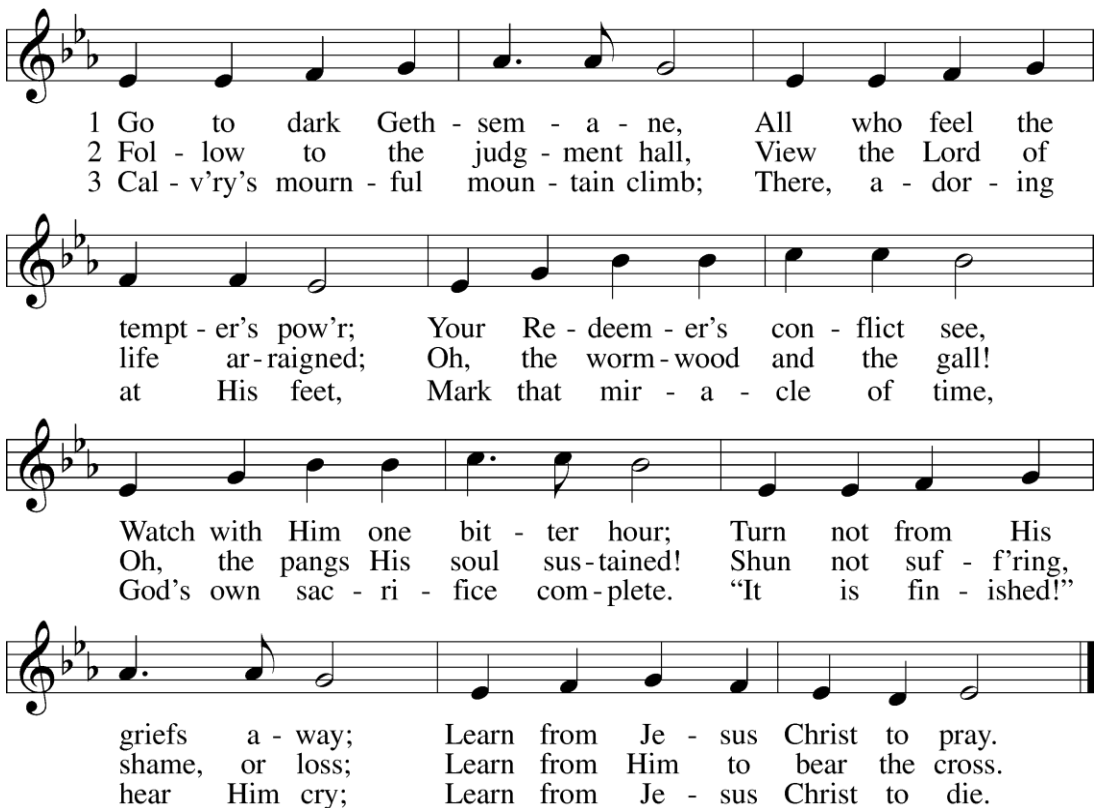
We bury our sins with Jesus.

Reader: Christ for us became obedient unto death,

People: **even death on a cross.**

Please use this time to reflect on the 7th Station.

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” –LBW 109 vv.1-3



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, All who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; There, a - dor - ing

tempt - er's pow'r; Your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - rained; Oh, the worm - wood and the gall!
at His feet, Mark that mir - a - cle of time,

Watch with Him one bit - ter hour; Turn not from His
Oh, the pangs His soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. “It is fin - ished!”

griefs a - way; Learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
shame, or loss; Learn from Him to bear the cross.
hear Him cry; Learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; who lives and reigns now and forever.

People: Amen

Pastor: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People: have mercy and hear us.

Eighth Station

“Jesus is laid in the tomb” (Matthew 27:57-60)

Reader: We adore You, O Christ, and we bless you.

People: By your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb.

Reader: You will not abandon me to the grave

People: nor let your holy one see your corruption.

Please use this time to reflect on the 8th Station.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God your blessed Son was laid in a tomb in a garden, and rested on the Sabbath day. Grant that we who have been buried with him in the waters of baptism may find our perfect rest in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,

People: have mercy and hear us.

REFLECTION

“Self-control”

“Lamb of God, Pure and Sinless” –LBW 111 V.1

Lamb of God, pure and sin - less, once on the cross an of - f'ring,
pa - tient, meek, though guilt - less, for - sak - en in your suf - f'ring!
You died our guilt to ban - ish that none in sin need per - ish!
1 Grant us your mer - cy, O Je - sus!

CONCLUSION

Pastor: Let us pray. We thank you heavenly father, that you have delivered us from the dominion of sin and death and brought us into the kingdom of your Son; and we pray that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his love he may raise us to eternal joys; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God and forever.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: To Christ our Lord who loves us, washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to ☩ him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

People: **Amen**

Please leave silently.