Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



The Divine Service – Setting III

Lutheran Church of The Way

Sunday, November 08, 2026

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Preparing to Receive The Lord's Supper





As Lutheran Christians, we believe that the Word and Sacraments that God gives to His people as means of grace carry the power and promise of forgiveness and eternal life. We receive these gifts in brokenness for the restoration of body and soul as individuals and as the Body of Christ. As such, we do not do so lightly or without regard, so we are called to first examine ourselves and consider our unworthiness to receive such gifts, and then come to His table to made be made whole in Christ.

Examine Yourselves *[1 Corinthians 11:27-29; 2 Corinthians 13:5]*

1. **Can you admit that you are a sinner?** *[Jeremiah 17:9; 1 John 1:8-9]*

   "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." *(Matthew 26:28)*

2. **Are you sorry for your sins?** *[2 Corinthians 7:9-10; Psalm 32:3,5]*

   "For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out." *(Romans 7:18)*

3. **Do you believe that Jesus died and rose again for your sins?** *[1 Corinthians 11:26; Mark 10:45; Romans 4:25]*

   "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." *(Ephesians 2:8-9)*

4. **Do you intend, with God's help, to change your sinful life?** *[John 15:5; Romans 6:11-14]*

   "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance." *(Matthew 3:8)*

5. **Do you believe as Jesus says, that his true body and blood are present in a real and mysterious way with the bread and the wine in the Lord's Supper?**
   [Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:17-23; John 13:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; cf. 11: 23–29]

   "Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread…said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' Then he took a cup, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood…'" *(Matthew 26:17-30)*



WELCOME TO LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE WAY!

Whether you are new to Lutheran Church of the Way or a long-time member, we are glad that you are here with us! If you are visiting and/or worshipping with us for the first time, please take a moment to sign our guest book. We would to love to know where you're from and be able to stay in touch with you! If would like a follow up contact with our pastor or one of our elders, you can reach us by email at Pastor@FamiliesInChrist.org. Welcome to LCW!

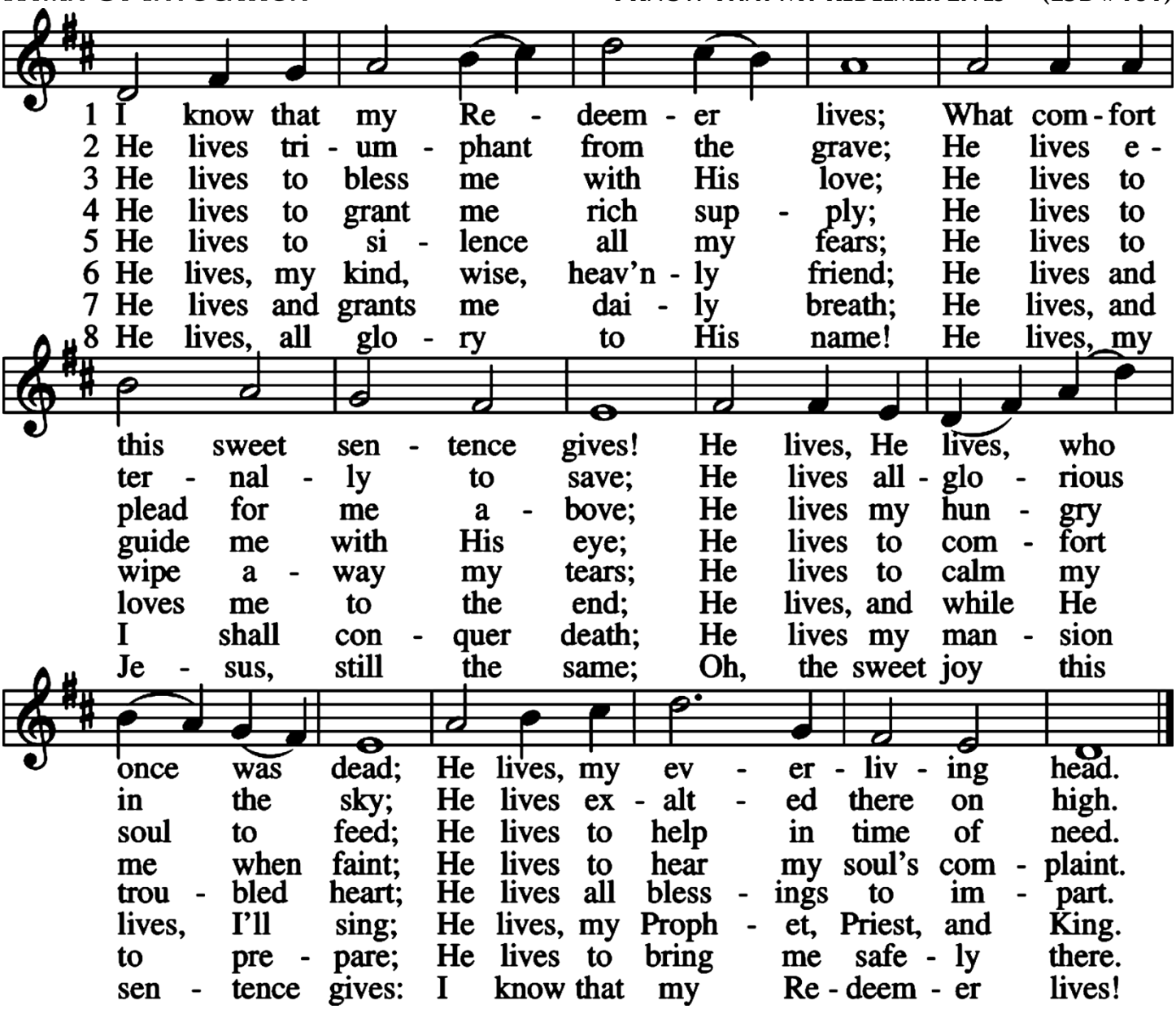
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† Confession And Absolution †

Hymn Of Invocation "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" (LSB #461)



Invocation *[Matthew 28:19b; 18:20]*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 184 [Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession and Absolution Of Sins

LSB 184-185

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.** *[John 20:19–23]*

Introit

[Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3]

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young...

C **...at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**

P How lovely is your dwelling place...

C **...O Lord of hosts!**

P Behold our shield, O God...

C **...look on the face of your anointed!**

P For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

P For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

C **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

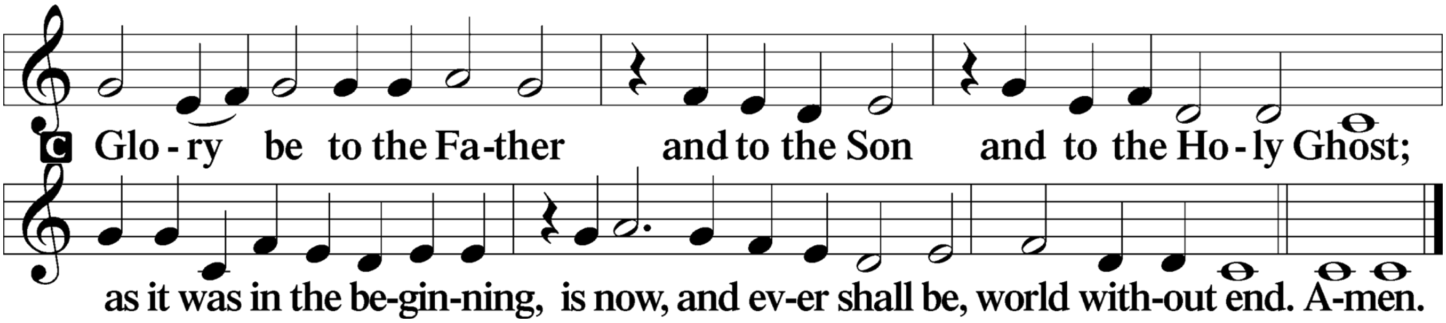
P O Lord of hosts...

C **...blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

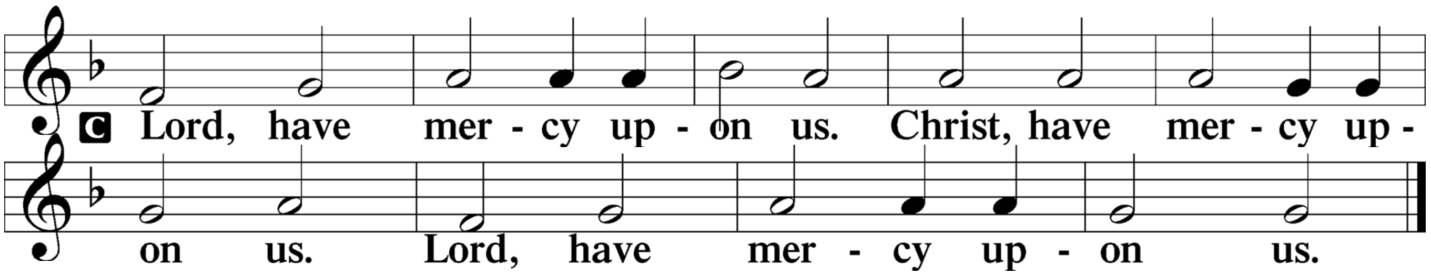
Gloria Patri

LSB 186



Kyrie

LSB 186 [Mark 10:47]

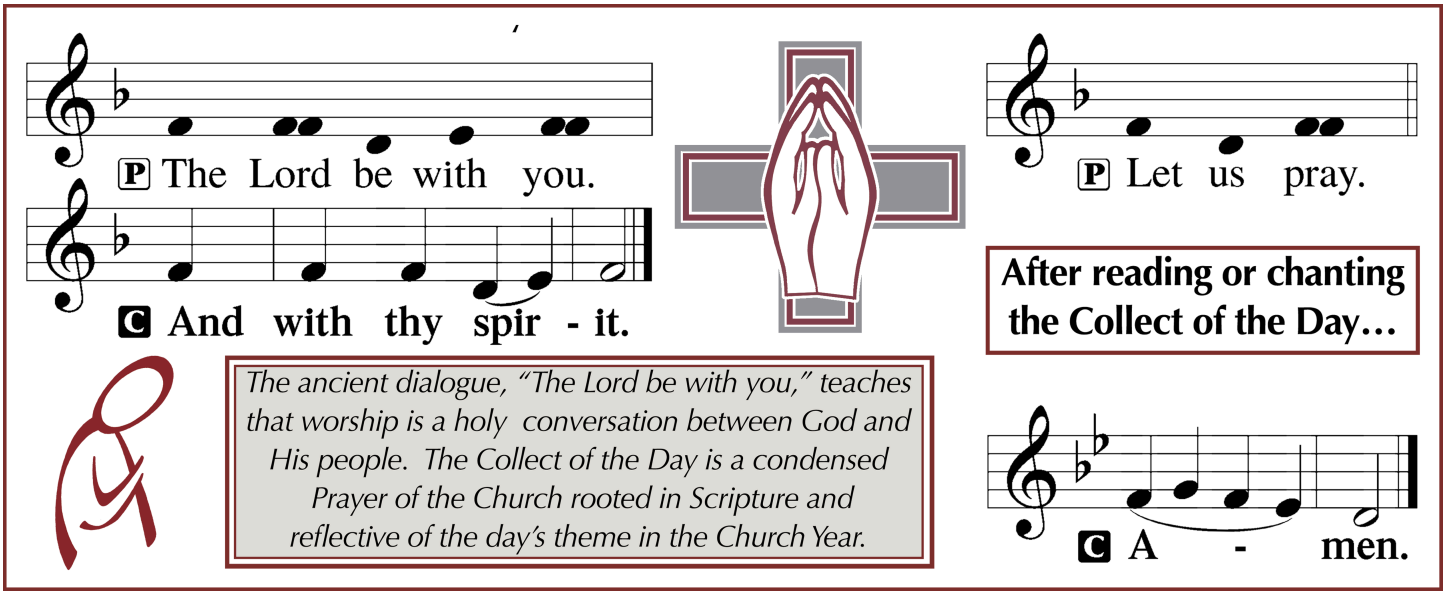


Gloria In Excelsis

LSB 187 [Luke 2:14; John 1:29]



Salutation And Collect Of The Day



Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament

[Amos 5:18–24]

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *[REVELATION 7:~~14B~~; PSALM 84:5]*

℗ These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

℃ **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

℗ Blessèd are those whose strength is in you…

℃ **…in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

EPISTLE *[1 THESSALONIANS 4:13–18]*

[13]But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15]For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16]For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Ⓐ This is the Word of the Lord. ℃ **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *LSB 190 [MATTHEW 25:13]*



℗ Alleluia. Watch therefore… ℃ **for you know neither the day nor the hour. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *[MATTHEW 25:1–13]*

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentififth chapter.



[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Confession Of Faith

Apostles' Creed [LSB 192]

℗ With saints past and present, we confess our faith through the Apostles' Creed:

℃ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.

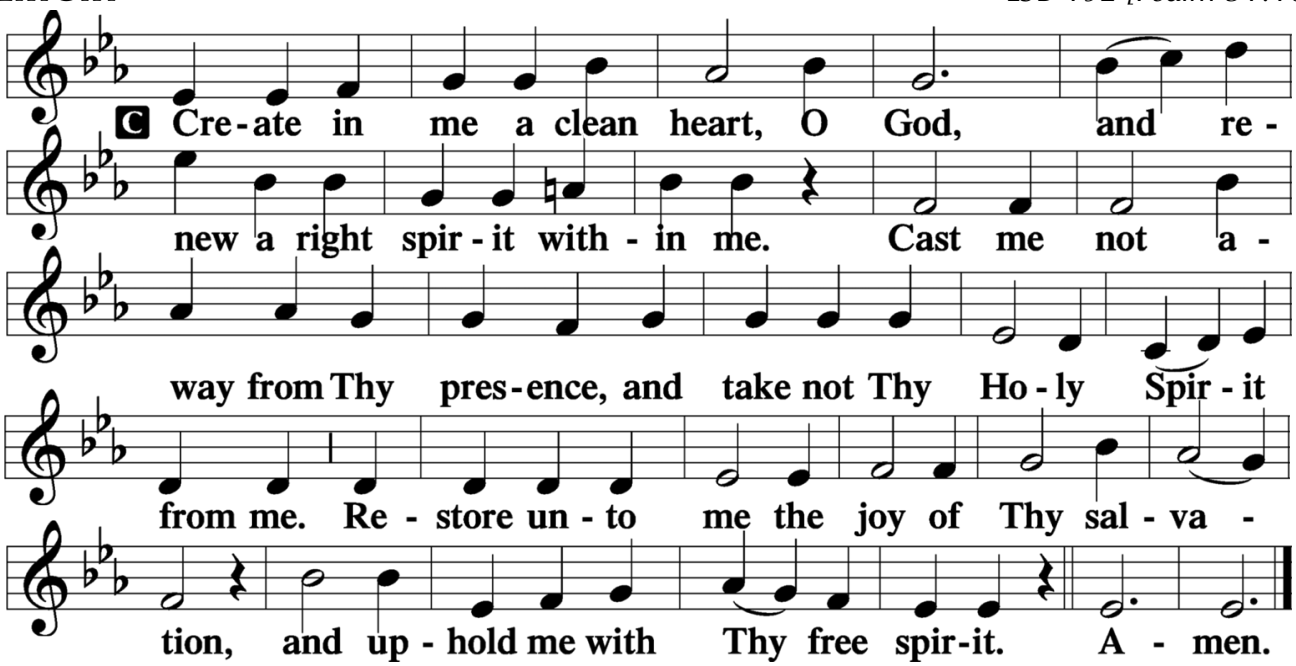
Hymn Of The Day

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" (LSB #474)



SERMON

OFFERTORY *LSB 192 [Psalm 51:10–12]*



OFFERING *[LSB 192]*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *[PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FOR TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST]*

P Let us pray for the Church of God in Jesus and all people according to their needs. Teach us to do Your will, for You are our God. Strengthen pastors to meditate on all You have done and proclaim Your Word in its truth and purity, that Your good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before You. Lord, in Your mercy...

C **...hear our prayer.**

A Father in heaven, You have made us children of the light and of the day. Bless our homes, especially parents as they teach their children Your ways, that Your people may walk as those armored in faith, love and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy...

C **...hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, give ear to our pleas on behalf of the afflicted [*especially…*_____]. Preserve their life, grant them healing according to Your will, and strengthen their faith through all trials and bring their souls out of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy...

C **...hear our prayer.**

A Holy God, a nation that despises You will be as a sacrifice to others, for it has rejected You as its strength and shield. Grant repentance in our land, that our laws may be just, our transactions honest and our love for others fervent. Lord, in Your mercy...

C **...hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, we obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ and have not been destined for wrath. Grant that we may find Him at the altar, as He welcomes us to receive His body and blood for our forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy...

C **...hear our prayer.**

A God of life, Your Son died for us so that, whether awake or asleep, we might live with Him. Receive our thanks for Your kindness to all who have died in the faith. Comfort those who mourn with the consolation that all who die in Christ live with Him forever. Lord, in Your mercy...

C **...hear our prayer.**

P God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider You a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that You give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in Your household; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

INCLUDED IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

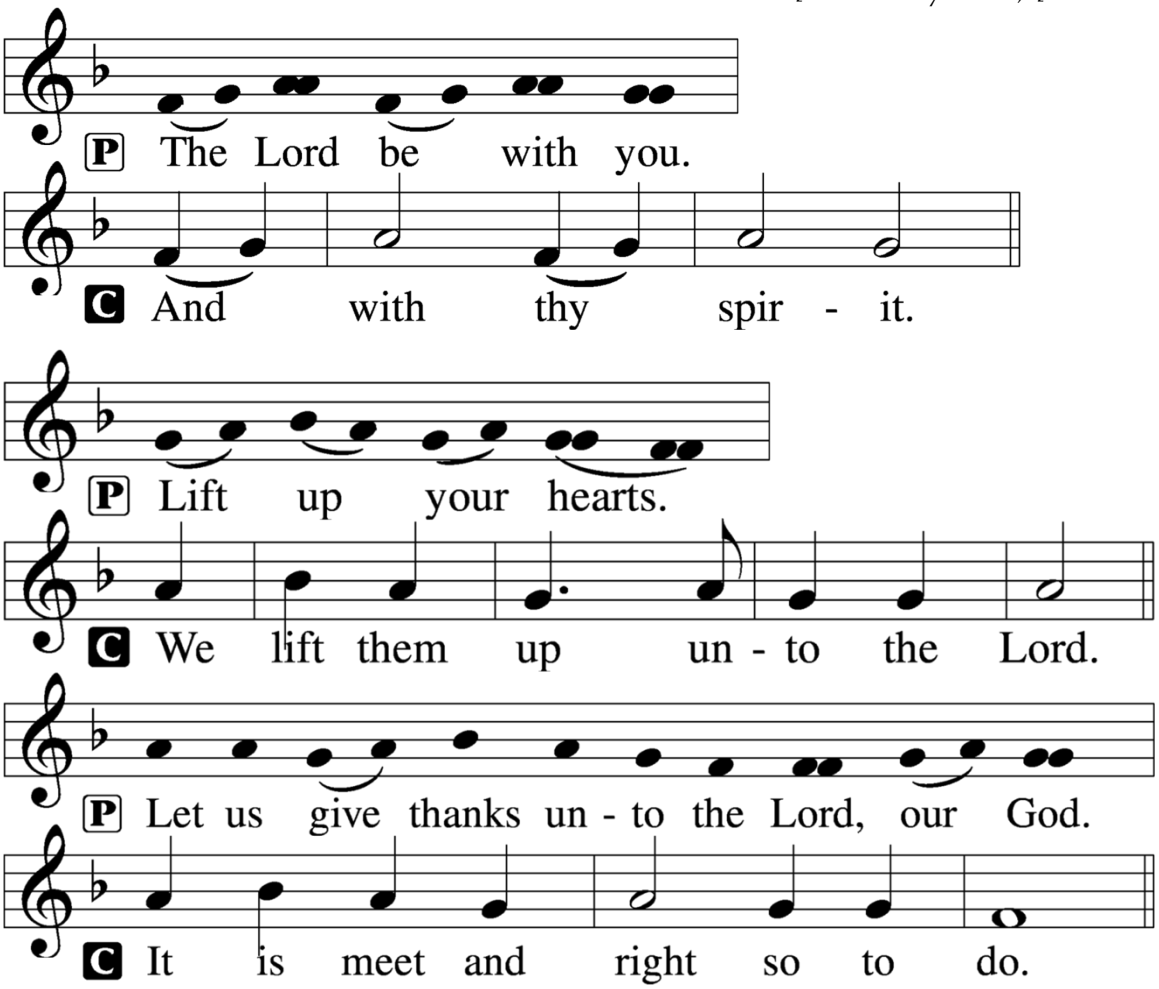
BIRTHDAY(S): *Jessica (12), James (12)* **COMMUNITY:** *Dighton*

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Beth, Blake, Chris, Cindy, Claudette, David, Bill, Eliza, John, Jeri, Jeff, Pastor Mather, Pastor Schipul, Dan, Paul, Phyllis, Rhys, Sandy

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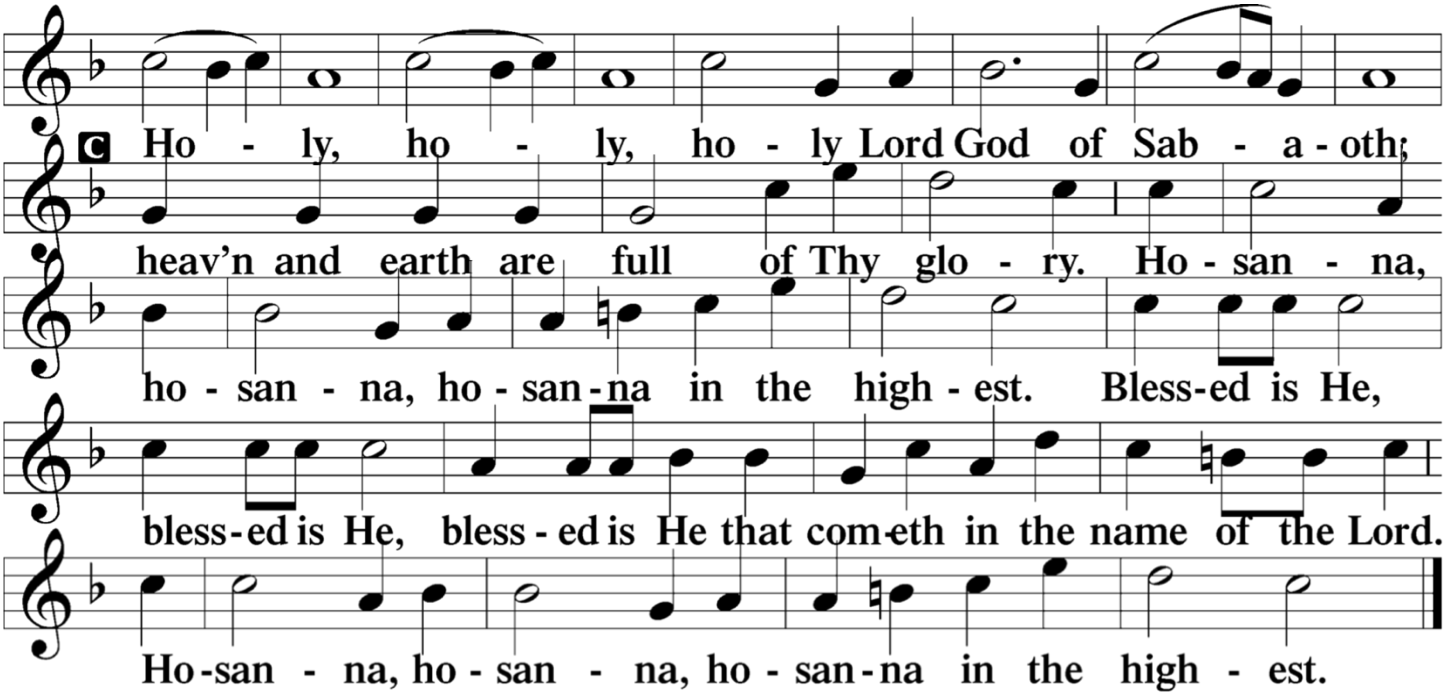
PREFACE *LSB 194 [2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]]*



PROPER PREFACE

℗ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy, almighty, and everlasting God. You surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *LSB 195 [Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]*



LORD'S PRAYER *[Matthew 6:5-15; Luke 11:1-9]*

℗ Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.
For Thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory
forever and ever. AMEN.

The Words Of Our Lord *LSB 197 [Mt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25]*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."





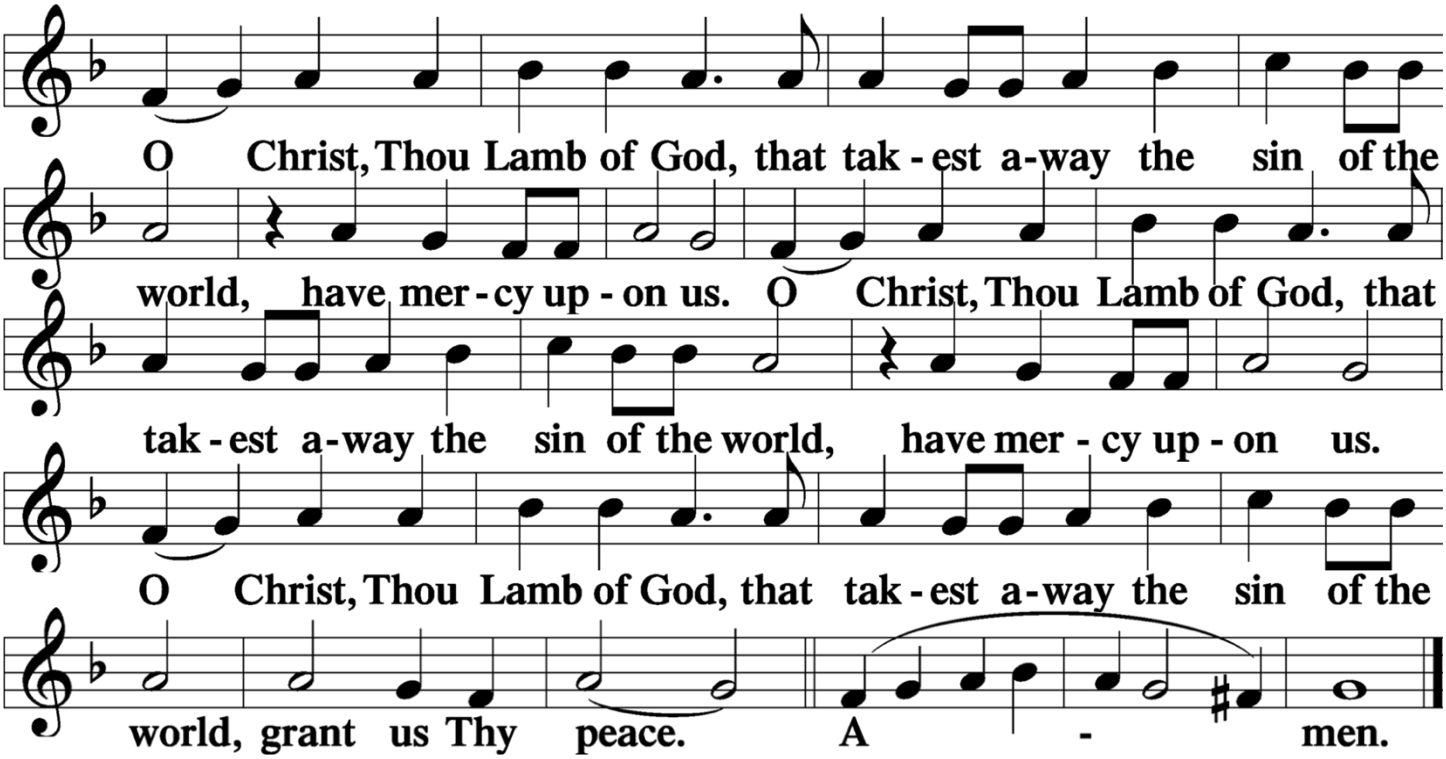
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 197 [John 20:19]*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei *LSB 198 [John 1:29]*



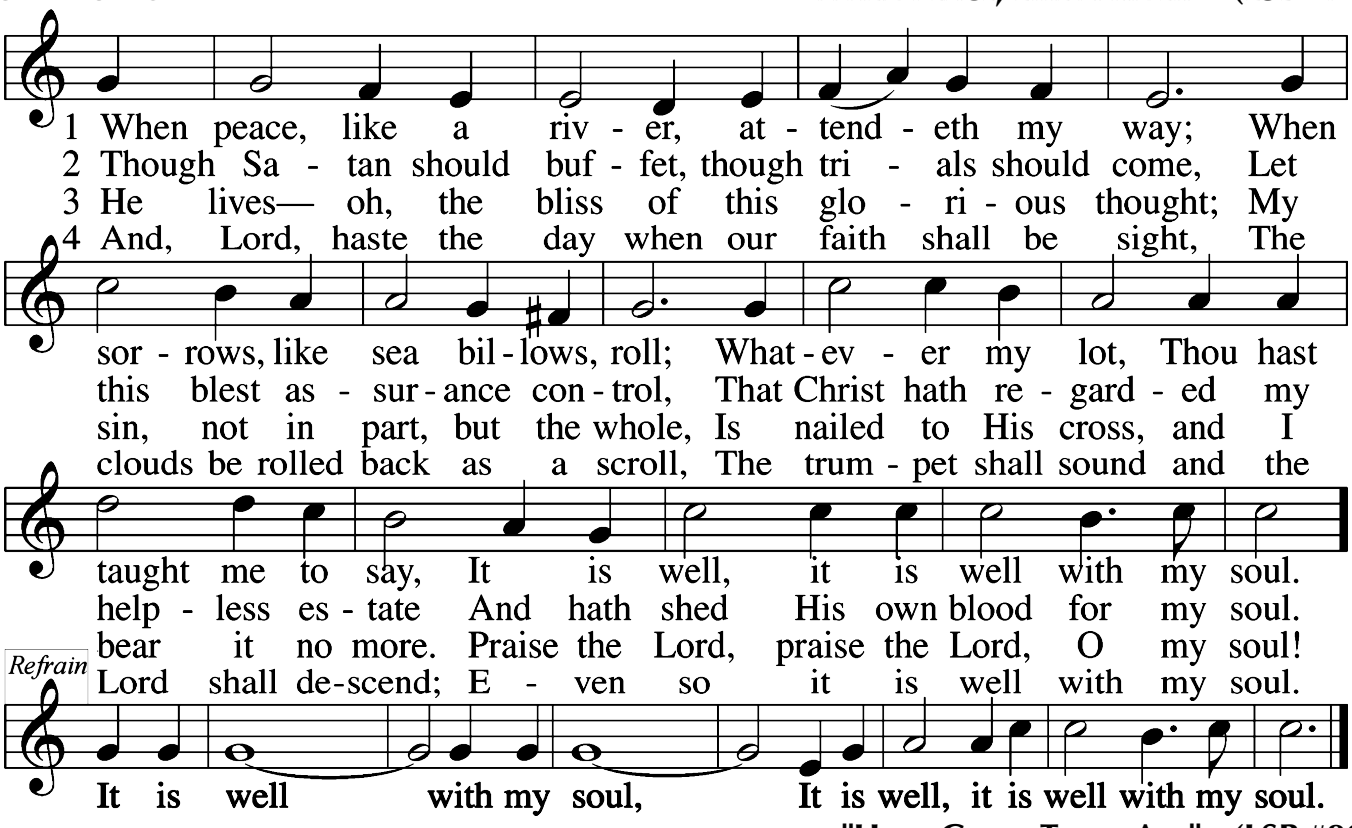
Distribution

In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His true body and blood with the bread and wine, just as He promises: "This is My body" and "This is My blood." Through this gift, He offers us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

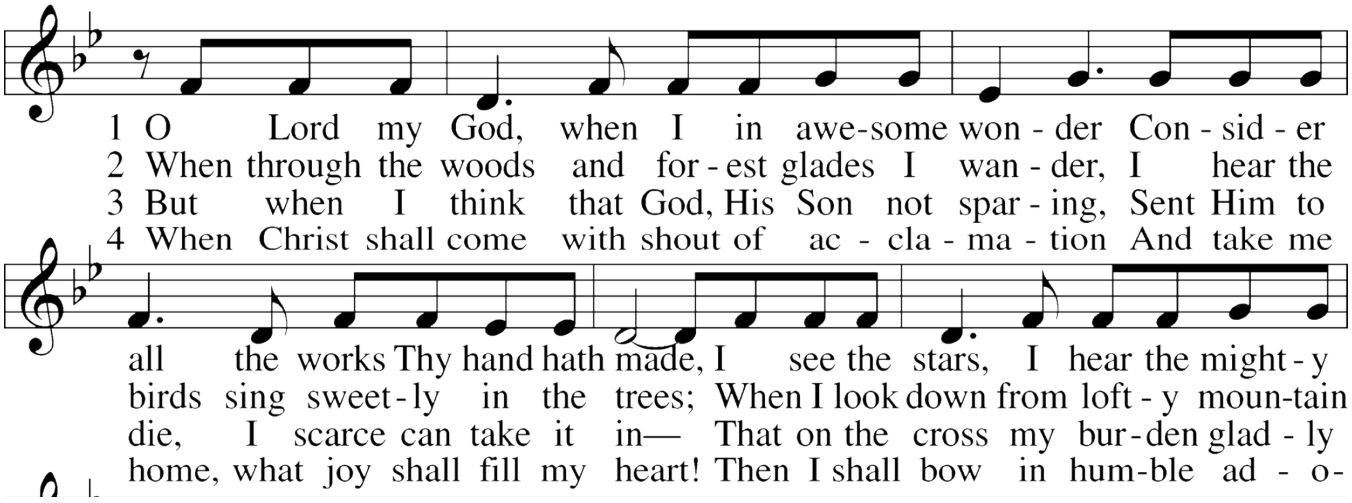
Because receiving this Sacrament is also a confession of our shared faith, we practice close Communion. If you are visiting and would like to receive the Lord's Supper, we ask that you speak with pastor before communing.

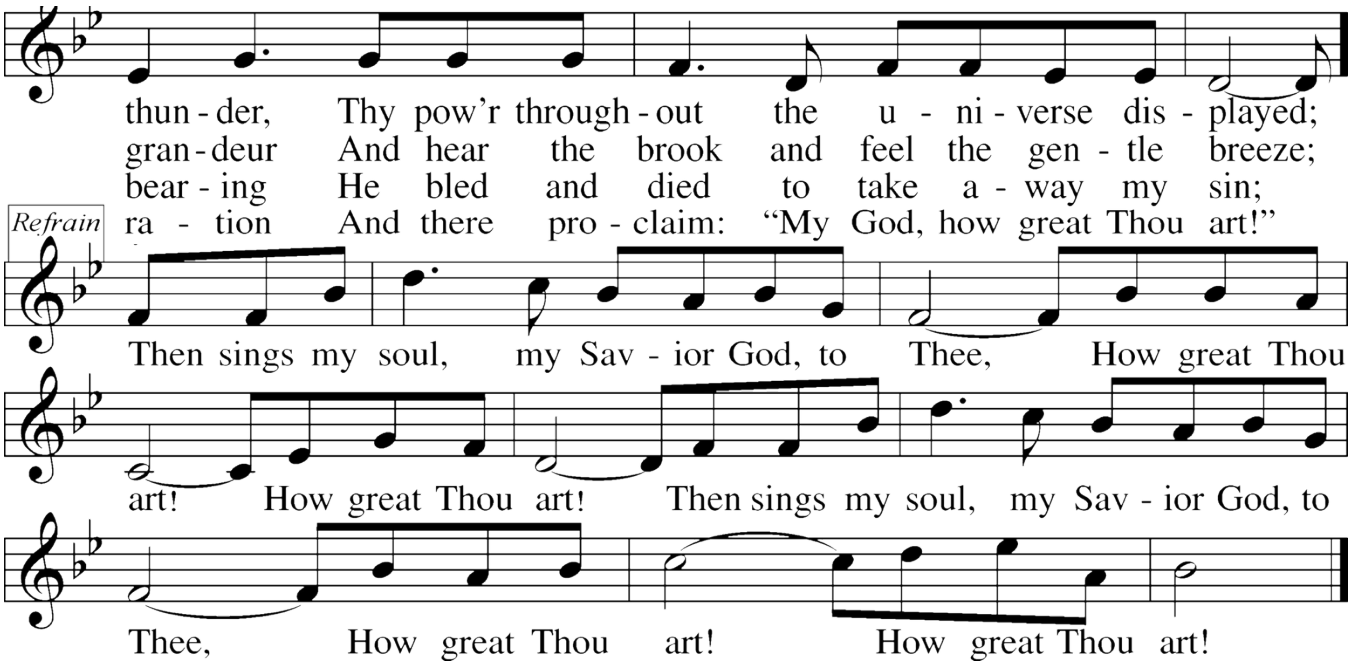
If you are not receiving Communion today, you are welcome to remain in your seat or come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. We welcome your questions and would be glad to speak with you about this wonderful gift of God.

Distribution Hymn — "When Peace, Like A River" (LSB #763)



"How Great Thou Art" (LSB #801)



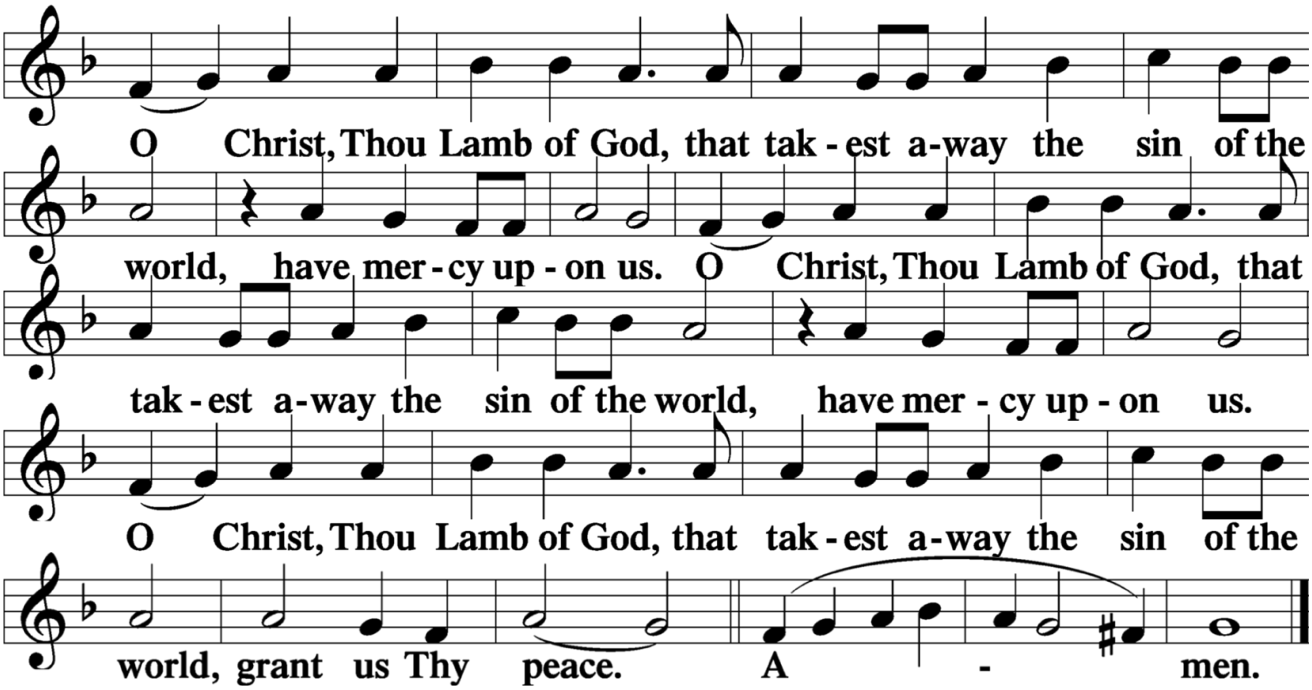


"LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE" (LSB #848)



Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199 [Luke 2:29–32]



Post-Communion Collect

(LSB 201)]

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus

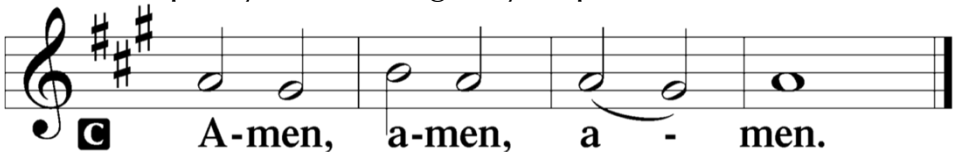
LSB 202 [Psalm 103:1]

A Bless we the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 202 [Numbers 6:24–26]

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



HYMN TO DEPART

"O SAVIOR, REND THE HEAVENS WIDE" (LSB #355)

1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?
5 O Morn - ing Star, O ra - diant Sun,
6 Sin's dread - ful doom up - on us lies;
7 There shall we all our prais - es bring

Come down, come down with might - y stride;
As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
When will You come with com - fort strong?
When will our hearts be - hold Your dawn?
Grim death looms fierce be - fore our eyes.
And sing to You, our Sav - ior King;

Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;
O Sun, a - rise; with - out Your light
O come, lead us with might - y hand
There shall we laud You and a - dore

Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
Con - sole us in our vale of woe.
We grope in gloom and dark of night.
From ex - ile to our prom - ised land.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

