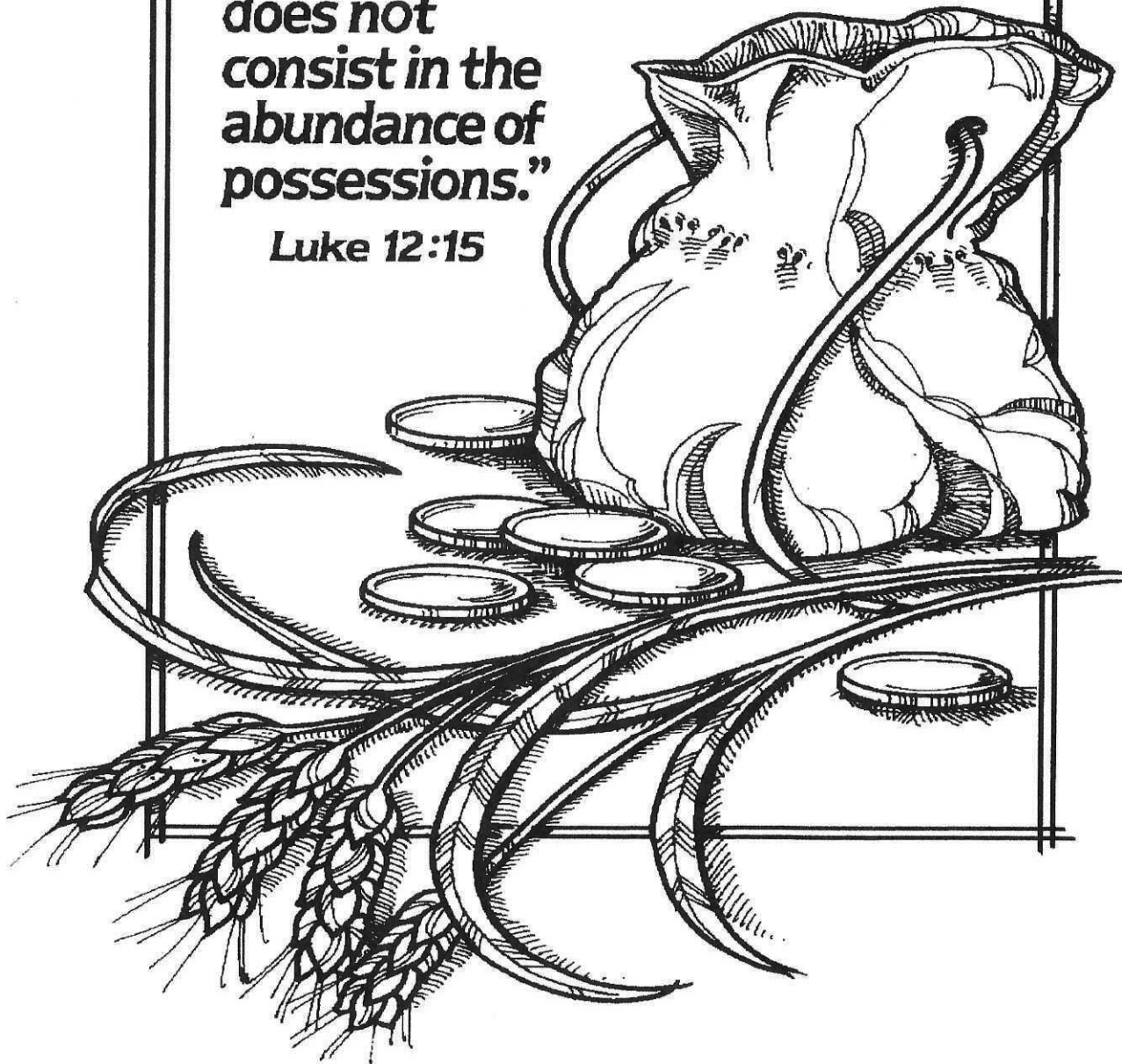


# Christ Lutheran Church

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***“...one’s life  
does not  
consist in the  
abundance of  
possessions.”***

***Luke 12:15***



**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**A FOOL AND HIS MONEY**

**August 3, 2025**

## TODAY'S MESSAGE: A FOOL AND HIS MONEY

To be honest, the Church is not always and only about Heaven and the Hereafter. Neither, however, should the message we hear in the Church always and only be about what it takes to live our daily lives now. It is both. Our life in this world is to be directed and empowered from "above" as we look forward to future glory so that we can rise above Earthly things and live joy-filled lives in service of one another. The Old Testament sees the "vanity" of Earthly strivings and the Gospel agrees that the riches of this world avail nothing. St. Paul dramatically shows the life of the baptized Christian as living a truly new life now.



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

*Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper". Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

## **✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝**

[“Divine Service: Setting One” from LSB p.151]

*Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.*

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803

**Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b*

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

**C:** **Amen.**

Confession of Sins

*1 John 1:8-9*

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**ALL:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen!

**P:** Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of the Word I therefore 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*

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 143:1-2, 8a (antiphon v.11)

**P:** For Your names's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

**C:** In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

**P:** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**C:** In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

**P:** Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

**C:** For no one living is righteous before You.

**P:** Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,

**C:** For in You I trust.

**ALL:** 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.

**P:** For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

**C:** In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Kyrie (*sung*)

[LSB 152-153]

**P:** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

P: 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 mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **A - - - - men.**

## Hymn of Praise

“This is the Feast”

[LSB 155]

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Prayer of the Day

*2 Timothy 4:22*

P: *(sung)* The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* And also with you.

P: We pray together:

ALL: **O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in Heaven, that we may never despair, but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . . I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity – and a striving after wind!

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### Gradual

Romans 10:15b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

R: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Good News,

C: **Who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

R: Their voice has gone out to all the Earth,

C: **And their words to the ends of the world.**

### Epistle Reading [ESV]

Colossians 3:1-11

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Alleluia Verse (*sung*)

[LSB 156]

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: (*sung*) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

**What is the world to me, with all its vaunted pleasure,  
When You, and You alone, Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord, my soul's delight shall be.  
You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks to be praised, and honored by the mighty,  
Yet never once reflects, that they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize, above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone. What is the world to me!**

**The world seeks after wealth, and all that mammon offers,  
Yet never is content, though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good, content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth. What is the world to me!**

**What is the world to me! My Jesus is my treasure.  
My life, my health, my wealth. My friend, my love, my pleasure.  
My joy, my crown, my all. My bliss eternally.  
Once more then, I declare: What is the world to me!**

Sermon

A FOOL AND HIS MONEY

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**



**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

**Offertory** *(sung)*

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,**

**In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**Offering** *(Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you.")*

**Prayers**

## **✚ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✚**

*VISITORS and MEMBERS*

*Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.*

**P:** *(sung)* The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C:** *(sung)* **And also with you.**

**P:** *(sung)* Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**C:** *(sung)* **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** *(sung)* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Psalm 136*

**C:** *(sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P:** It is truly good, right and appropriate that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by His innocent death and glorious resurrection has opened the Heavenly banquet for all who trust in the salvation He has won for them. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of Heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and proclaiming:

Sanctus (*sung*)

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of Heaven and Earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the Earth, to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**ALL: 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.**

### Words of Our Lord

*Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

P: 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  $\text{\textcircled{A}}$  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 is my  $\text{\textcircled{A}}$  blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: (*sung*) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*John 20:19*

C: (*sung*) **A - men.**

**Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

*John 1:29*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.**

**Distribution Hymns**

**"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"**

**LSB 618**

**I come, O Savior, to Thy table, for weak and weary is my soul.  
Thou Bread of Life, alone art able, to satisfy and make me whole:  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning, that sinners may salvation see,  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning, so I, a sinner, come to Thee.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**Unworthy though I am, O Savior, because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, for Thou my faithful shepherd art:  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**Weary am I and heavy laden, with sin my soul is sore oppressed.  
Receive me graciously and gladden, my heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base.  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, the covenant of hope and grace.  
Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood, be for my soul the highest good!**

**"All Depends on Our Possessing"**

**LSB 732**

**All depends on our possessing, God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken,  
By their God are not forsaken, and will keep a dauntless heart.**

**He who to this day has fed me, and to many joys has led me,  
Is and ever shall be mine. He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me, will remain my help divine.**

**Many spend their lives in fretting, over trifles and in getting,  
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure,  
That will bring me lasting pleasure, and that now is seldom found.**

**When with sorrow I am stricken, hope anew my heart will quicken.  
All my longing shall be stilled. To His loving kindness tender,  
Soul and body I surrender. For on God alone I build.**

**Well He knows what best to grant me. All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt His wisdom never.  
As God wills, so be it ever. I commit to Him my way.**

**If my days on earth He lengthen, God my weary soul will strengthen.  
All my trust in Him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
Like a stream away is gliding. Safe I anchor in His grace.**

**“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**

**LSB 633**

**At the Lamb’s high feast we sing, praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide, flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Him, whose love divine, gives His sacred blood for wine.  
Gives His body for the feast. Christ the victim. Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

**Where the paschal blood is poured, death’s dread angel sheathes the sword.  
Israel’s hosts triumphant go, through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread.  
With sincerity and love, eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

**Mighty Victim from the sky, hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie.  
You have conquered in the fight. You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

**Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall.  
You have opened paradise, and Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!**

**Easter triumph! Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy.  
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!**

*(STAND)* **Father, who the crown shall give. Savior, by whose death we live.  
Spirit, guide through all our days. Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

**Song of Thanksgiving**                      **"Thank the Lord"**                      *Psalm 100*

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise. Tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**ALL: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this beneficial 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 Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Benediction**                      *Numbers 6:24-26*

**P: (sung) The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.**

**C: (sung) A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

**Closing Hymn**                      **"God of Grace and God of Glory"**                      **LSB 850**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**