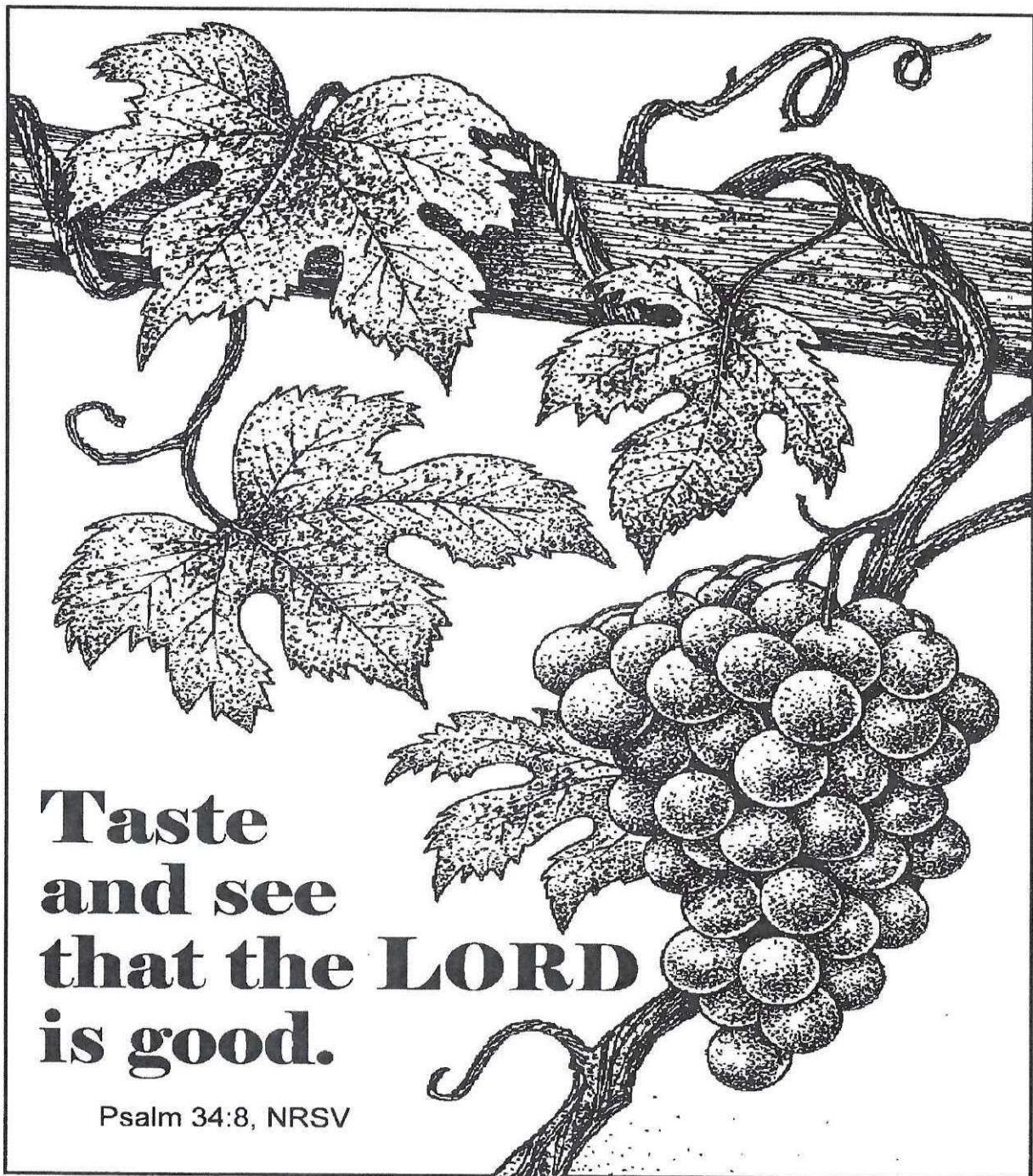


# Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
Hillsboro, Texas



**Taste  
and see  
that the LORD  
is good.**

Psalm 34:8, NRSV

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

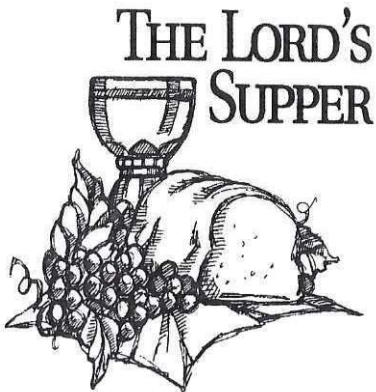
LIVING FOR JESUS

August 11, 2024



## TODAY'S MESSAGE: LIVING FOR JESUS

In today's Old Testament Reading, the angel of the Lord says to the prophet Elijah, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." Through God's Word and through our own daily experiences, we are reminded that the journey of life is too great for us. We struggle daily against temptations and against the sin within. And we "feed" ourselves with so many things that are not good for us and for our faith. In today's Epistle Reading, the apostle Paul tells us to be who we are in Christ; to "put off our old self... and to put on the new self." Today, we "feed the new self" as we listen to the words and receive the body and the blood of the One who comes to us as the "bread of life", our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



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 Three” from LSB p.184]

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

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

LSB 901

**Open now thy gates of beauty. Zion, let me enter there.  
Where my soul in joyful duty, waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee. Come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, there a heav’n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou. Let it be Thy temple now!**

**Here Thy praise is gladly chanted. Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be, fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken. Let me keep Thy gift divine.  
How so e’er temptations thicken, may Thy Word still o’er me shine.  
As my guiding star through life. As my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee. Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee, while Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows. Here is balm for all our woes.**

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b*

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

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

Confession of Sins

*Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9*

**P:** Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Psalm 124:8*

C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

*Psalm 32:5*

C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. 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, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.

*John 20:19-23*

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

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

*Psalm 34:1-8*

P: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**

**ALL: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, let us exalt his name together!**

P: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

C: **Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.**

P: This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

C: **The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.**

P: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

C: **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

**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.**



**Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word,  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Allelu, alleluia!**

### Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** *(sung)* And with thy spirit.

### Opening Prayer

**ALL:** Almighty and merciful God, defend your church from all false teaching and error so that your faithful people may confess you to be the only true God and rejoice in your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Reading [ESV]

1 Kings 19:1-8

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, “Arise and eat.” And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, “Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.” And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4



Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ! – assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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C: **We live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.** Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4

## Gospel Reading [ESV]

John 6:35-51

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”



So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me – not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Children's Message

### Sermon Hymn

"God Loved the World so that He Gave"

LSB 571

**God loved the world so that He gave, His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe, should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death.  
All then who trust in Him alone, are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**God would not have the sinner die. His Son with saving grace is nigh.  
His Spirit in the Word declares, how we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son, forgives all sins which you have done.  
And, justified by Jesus' blood, your baptism grants the highest good.**

**If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death. That is the firmest ground of faith.**

***(STAND)* Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!**

Sermon

LIVING FOR JESUS

Ephesians 4:17-32

Confession of Faith

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.**

Offertory (*sung*)

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

**Amen.**

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

*[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]*

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

**P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**C: May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give!**

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: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

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

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalms 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy. Holy. Holy Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

**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 . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*

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

**Agnus Dei** (*sung*)

*John 1:29*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.... A - - - - men.**

**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!**

**"O Lord, We Praise Thee"**

**LSB 617**

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee and adore Thee, in thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish, our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, that our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead, in all trial, fear and need: O Lord, have mercy!**



**Thy holy body into death was given, life to win for us in heaven.**

**No greater love than this to Thee could bind us. May this feast there-of remind us!**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee, that Thy blood should bless and sustain me.**

**All our debt Thou hast paid. Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!**

**May God bestow on us His grace and favor, that we follow Christ our Savior,**

**And live together here in love and union, nor despise this blest Communion!**

**O Lord, have mercy!**

**Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us. Grant that heav'nly minded He make us.**

**Give Thy Church, Lord to see, days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!**

**"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"**

**LSB 636**

**Soul, adorn yourself with gladness. Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.**

**Come into the daylight's splendor. There with joy your praises render.**

**Bless the One whose grace unbounded, this amazing banquet founded.**

**He, though heav'nly, high and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**

**Hasten as a bride to meet Him, and with loving rev'rence greet Him.**

**For with words of life immortal, He is knocking at your portal.**

**Open wide the gates before Him, saying, as you there adore Him:**

**Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, that I nevermore will leave You.**

**He who craves a precious treasure, neither cost nor pain will measure,**

**But the priceless gifts of heaven, God to us has freely given.**

**Though the wealth of earth were proffered, none could buy the gifts here offered:**

**Christ's true body, for you riven, and His blood, for you once given.**

**Now in faith I humbly ponder, over this surpassing wonder,**

**That the bread of life is boundless, though the souls it feeds are countless:**

**With the choicest wine of heaven, Christ's own blood to us is given.**

**Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation!**

**Jesus, source of lasting pleasure. Truest friend and dearest treasure.**

**Peace beyond all understanding. Joy into all life expanding.**

**Humbly now, I bow before You. Love incarnate, I adore You.**

**Worthily let me receive You, and so favored, never leave You.**

**Jesus, sun of life, my splendor. Jesus, friend of friends, most tender.  
Jesus, joy of my desiring. Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker,  
Of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, Your glory, given.**

**Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven.  
On the cross for me to languish, and to die in bitter anguish.  
To forego all joy and gladness, and to shed Your blood in sadness.  
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.**

**Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited, be Your love with love requited.  
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me, as Your guest in heav'n receive me.**

**Nunc Dimittis** (*sung*)

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**P:** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

*Psalm 107:1*

**C:** (*sung*) And His mercy endureth forever.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**ALL:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C:** (*sung*) And with thy spirit.

**P:** Bless we the Lord.

*Psalm 103:1*

**C:** (*sung*) Thanks be to God.



## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to 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

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

LSB 783

**Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour, at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee.**