

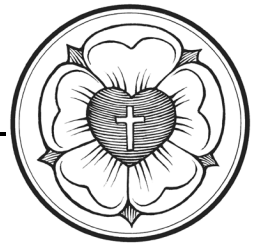


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# Confession and Absolution

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## Prayer Before Worship (prayed silently)

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen*

## **Distribution Hymn**

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**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,

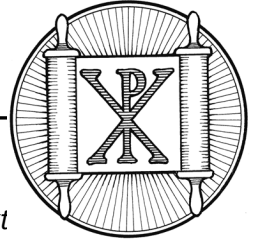
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**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  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



## The Service of the Word

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### Introit

*Psalm 8:1–2a, 3–5; antiphon: Liturgical Text*



Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

**O | LORD, our Lord,\***

**how majestic is your name in | all the earth!**

You have set your glory above the | heavens.\*

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have es- | tablished strength.

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,\***

**the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,**

what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,\*

and the son of man that you | care for him?

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\***

**and crowned him with glory and | honor.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.



**G**lo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical notation for the Kyrie consists of two staves of music in a single system. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." and ends with a double bar line.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

The musical notation for the Gloria in Excelsis consists of nine staves of music in a single system. All staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the lyrics "Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward". The second staff continues with "men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,". The third staff continues with "we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.". The fourth staff continues with "O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.". The fifth staff continues with "O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;". The sixth staff continues with "O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,". The seventh staff continues with "that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.". The eighth staff continues with "Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer." and ends with a double bar line.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**G** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 6:1-7*

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the

seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

*Liturgical Text*



Blessèd are You, O Lord, who be- | holds the deep,\*  
and who dwells between the | cherubim.

**Blessèd are You, O Lord, in the firmament of | heaven,\*  
and greatly to be praised for- | ever.**

### Epistle

*Romans 11:33–36*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever.  
Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 3:1-17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Athanasian Creed

- L** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- L** And the catholic faith is this,
- C** **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- L** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- L** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- L** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- L** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- L** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** **and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**
- L** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

- Ⓕ So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- Ⓒ **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- Ⓕ Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- Ⓒ **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- Ⓕ The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- Ⓒ **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- Ⓕ Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- Ⓒ **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- Ⓕ but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- Ⓒ **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**
- Ⓕ But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Ⓒ **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- Ⓕ He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- Ⓒ **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- Ⓕ equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Ⓒ **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- Ⓕ one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- Ⓒ **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- Ⓕ For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- Ⓒ **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

- L** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- L** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day**

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

**Sermon**

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

LSB 192

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



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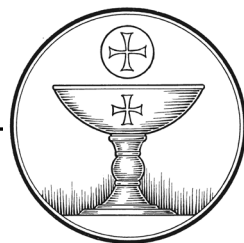
## Offering

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## Prayer of the Church

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

# The Service of the Sacrament



## Our Communion Practice

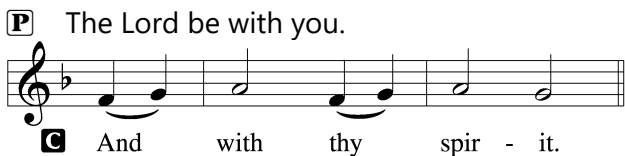
*At this altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. In this Sacrament, He also gathers His people together in one confession of faith.*

*Because Holy Communion is both a gift and a public confession of unity, we invite members of this congregation and of other LCMS congregations (or those in fellowship with us) to receive the Sacrament.*

*If you are visiting and not part of this fellowship, we warmly welcome you to the service. Out of pastoral care and love—for you and for our congregation—we ask that you refrain from communing today. This is not a judgment on your faith in Christ, but a way of honoring the Lord’s Supper as He intends it. We invite you to speak with the pastor after the service, who would be glad to explain further and walk with you toward full communion fellowship.*

## Preface

LSB 194



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

**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*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**A** - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

Sit

**Distribution**

*Before Communing (prayed silently)*

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

**Distribution Hymn**

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506 Glory Be to God the Father

761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

504 Father Most Holy

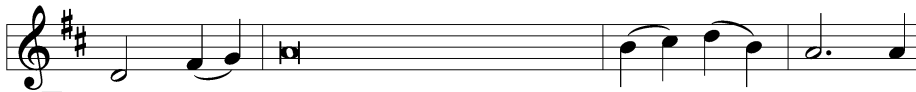
*Prayer After Communing (prayed silently)*

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

Stand

**Nunc Dimittis**

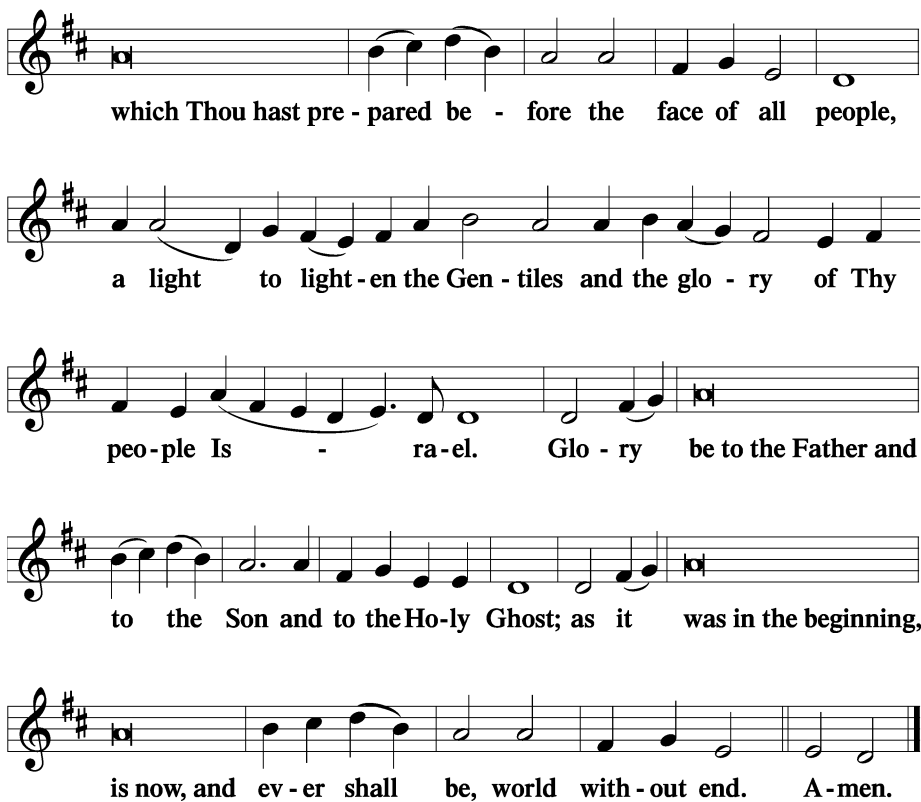
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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



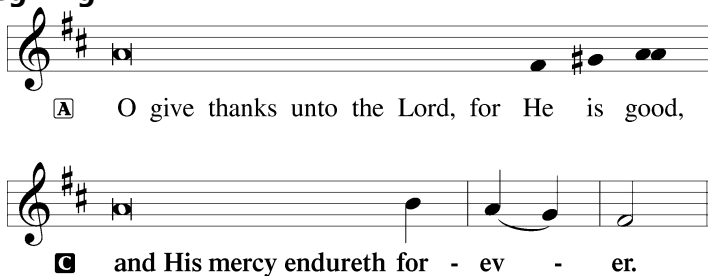
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**B** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.



**C** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

### Benedicamus

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Hymn of Departure

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

#### Prayer After Worship (prayed silently)

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

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