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Welcome - Announcements - Instructions

Hymn 605 “Father Welcomes”

Refrain



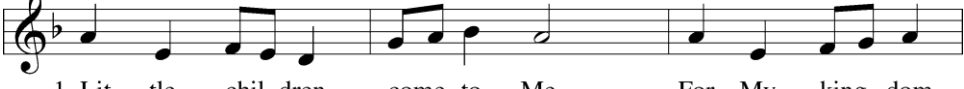
Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

Exhortation

- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, I confess that I am in my flesh sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon your heartfelt and sincere confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

- 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 Amen.

Hymn of Praise “This Is the Feast”

Refrain



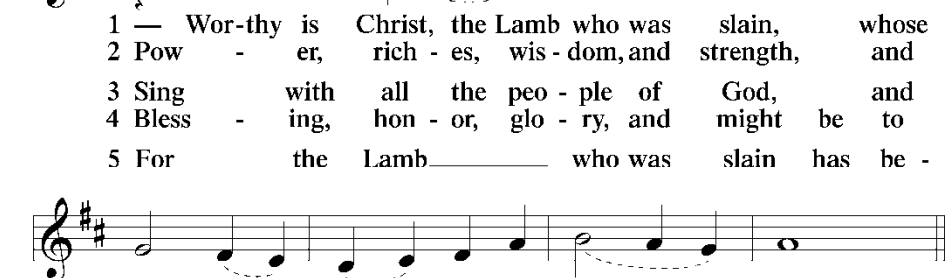
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



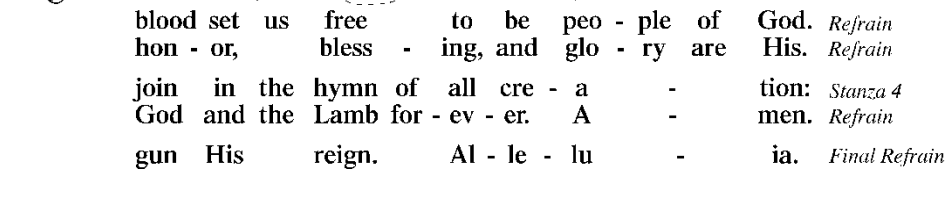
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has he -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him.” ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your

brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.’ And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Stand

Alleluia Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Zion Lutheran School Sings

Children’s Message

“Thrive”

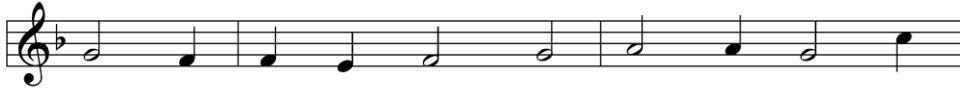


Hymn 580 "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

sts. 1, 3-4, 6



1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness To robe our
4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and
6 May we in faith its mes - sage learn Nor thank - less -



Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it
Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which
ly its bless - ings May we in faith its



lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.
truth con - fess And praise the Lord, our righ - teous - ness.

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C 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 there 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.

Offering *(Please pass the collection plate all the way down each row.)*

Prayer of the Church

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.

Service of the Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

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 ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

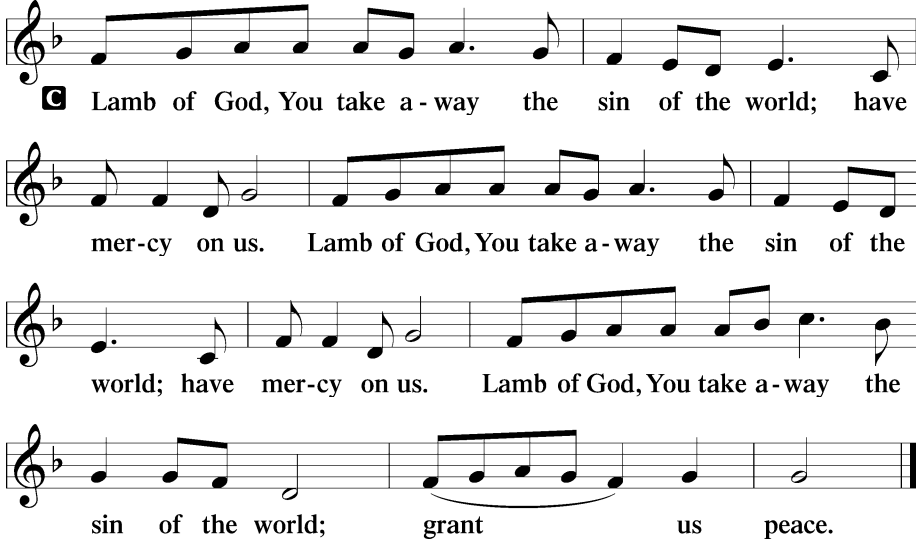
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Peace of God

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution (PLEASE NOTE: We will commune today using
"Processional Distribution." Please follow the guidance of the
ushers/elders.)

If you would like to approach the altar and kneel to receive the
Sacrament, simply take the elements and go to the altar rail.
You may remain as long as you desire.

LSB 570 “Just as I Am, Without One Plea”



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
 soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
 Because Thy promise I believe,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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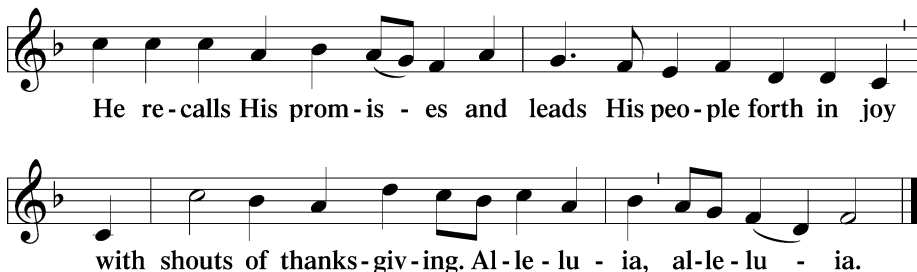
Song of Thanksgiving - “Thank the Lord”



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



Post-Communion Prayer

P 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.

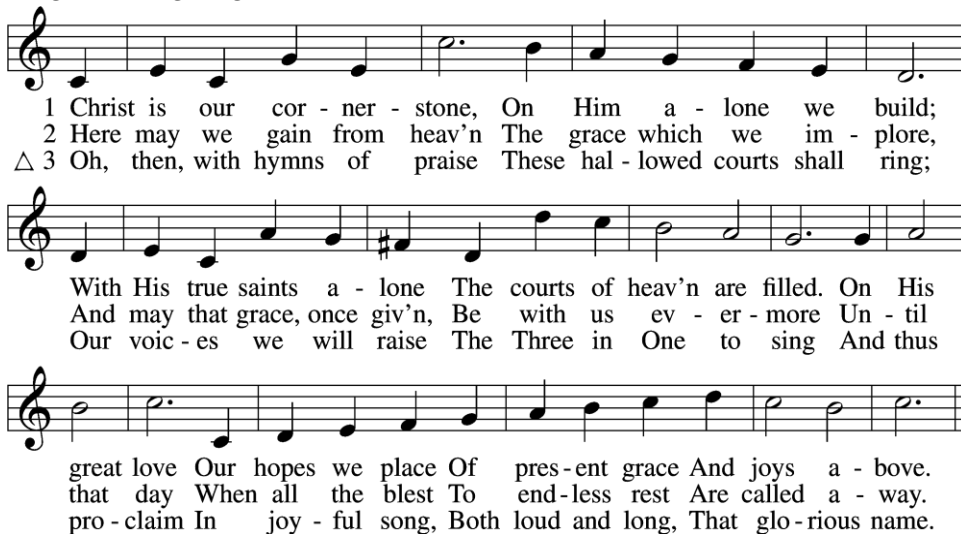
C Amen.

Blessing

P 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 Amen.

LSB 912 “Christ Is Our Cornerstone”



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hear the church, let him be unto thee as an
leather shoe.

15 Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall
bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven.

16 Again I say unto you, whatsoever two of
you shall agree on earth touching any
thing that they shall bind, shall be done
for them of my Father who is in heaven.

17 For where two or three are gathered
together in my name, I am in the
midst of them.

18 Then came Peter and said, Lord,
how oft shall I forgive my brother against me,
and I forgive him?

19 Jesus saith unto him, Not unto thee,
but unto seven times.

20 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven
likened unto a certain king, which would
take account of his servants.

21 And he began to reckon: and there
was brought unto him one that owed him
ten thousand.

22 But forasmuch as he could not pay, his
lord commanded him to be sold, and his
wife, and children, and all that he had,
and payment to be made.

23 The servant therefore fell down, and
worshipped him, saying, Lord, have
patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

24 Then the lord of that servant was
moved with compassion, and cancelled his
debt, and forgave him.

25 But the same servant went out, and
found one that owed him much less, and
laid hands on him, and said, Give me
mine own.

26 And he fell down at his feet, and
worshipped him, saying, Have patience with
me, and I will pay thee all.

27 And he would not, but went and put
him into prison, till he should pay the
debt.

28 So when his fellowservant what
was done, they were very sorry, and came
and told unto their lord all that he had
done.

29 Then his lord, after that he had called
him, said unto him, O wicked servant, I
forgave thee all that debt.

30 Shouldst thou not have had compassion
on thy fellow-servant, even as I
had pity on thee?

31 Shouldst thou not also have had
compassion on thy fellow-servant, even as I
had pity on thee?

32 And he was angry, and delivered
him unto the gaoler, to be paid.

33 And he went away, and left him
there, and he departed.

34 And ye also, when ye stand praying,
forgive one another, as the Lord
forgave you.

CHAPTER

1 And Jesus came into the city, and
went into the synagogue, and
taught them.

2 And great multitudes followed him,
and he healed them there.

3 And he said unto them, I have
power here, to heal every sickness.

4 And he answered them, saying, I
have not read, neither have I seen
them at the beginning of the world,
male and female.

5 And said, Forasmuch as ye shall
have father and mother, and shall cleave
to his wife, and ye shall be one
flesh?

6 Wherefore shall they leave their
father and mother, and shall cleave
together, as ye shall be one
flesh?

7 This mystery shall be hid from the
wise, and revealed unto the foolish.

8 He saith unto them, Moses therefore
commanded, that a man should
leave his father and mother, and
cleave unto his wife, and they shall
be one flesh.

9 And ye shall be one flesh, and ye
shall be one flesh.

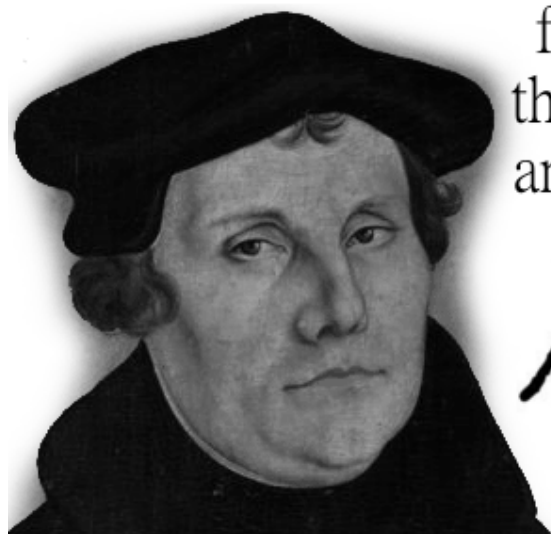
10 And he said unto them, Forasmuch
as ye shall be one flesh, and ye shall
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flesh.

11 And he said unto them, Forasmuch
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flesh.

12 And he said unto them, Forasmuch
as ye shall be one flesh, and ye shall
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flesh.

13 And he said unto them, Forasmuch
as ye shall be one flesh, and ye shall
be one flesh, and ye shall be one
flesh.

Should we then bite and scratch each other like dogs and cats? No, but we should heartily forgive and ask, "[Why] should I accuse my brother? If God is merciful unto me and for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ forgives me so great a debt, why should I make so much ado about a penny or two? I will call it square, forgive and forget, and thank God that He has forgiven me and made me a partaker of His grace."



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**THE CALL TO
FORGIVE**