THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 25, 2026

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10:30 am
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Sunday School

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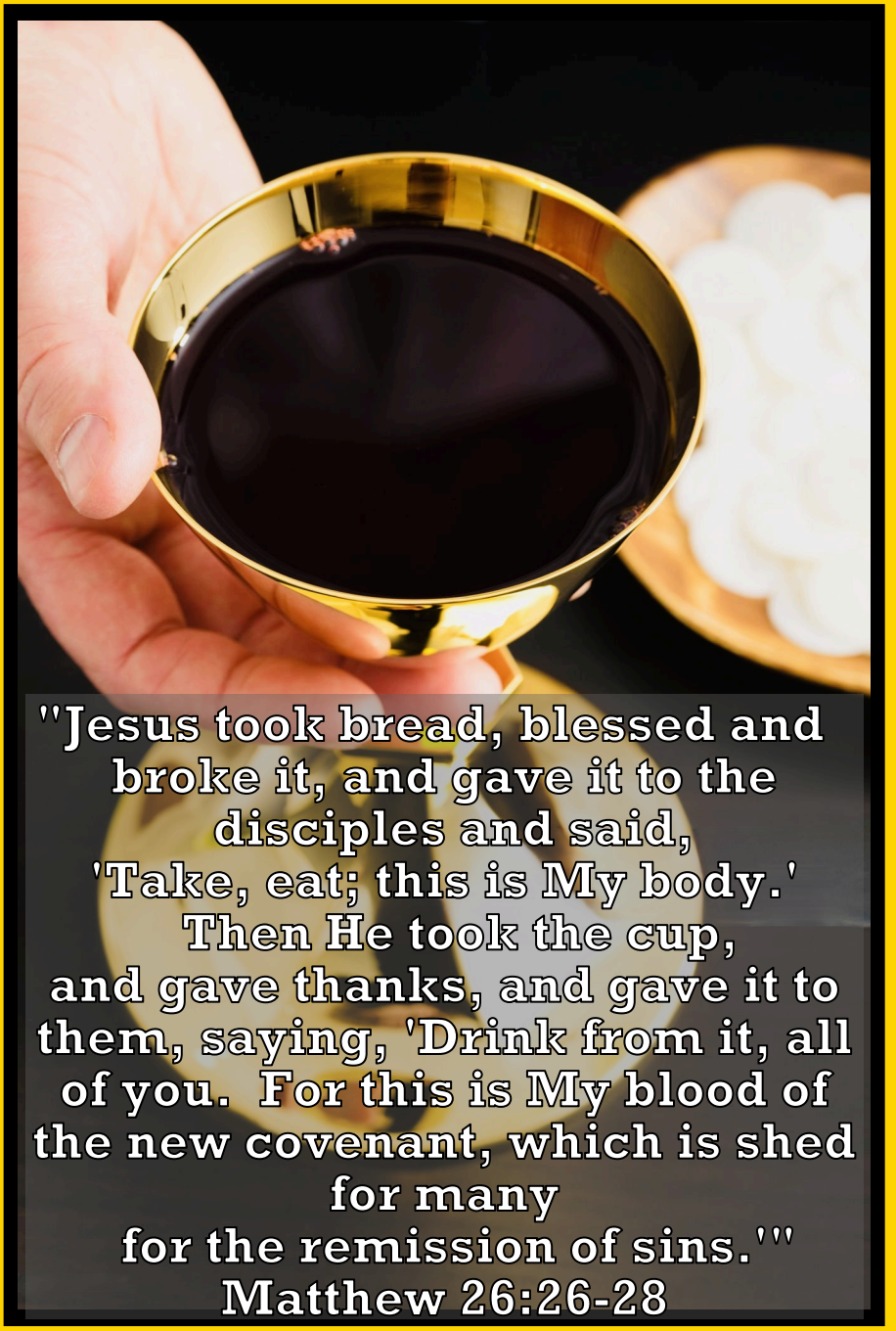

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Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church

"We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated every Sunday at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as Christ our Lord says, He gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-29). And through this sacrament, He strengthens us for new life in Him (Romans 8:10;1 Peter 2:4). Jesus personally invites weak sinners (Mark 9:24) who trust His words, "This is My body which is given for you… this cup is the new covenant in My blood which is shed for you" (Luke 22:19-20), to receive His blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. (Romans 8:31-32).

Because "he who eats and drinks our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner drinks judgement to oneself" (1 Corinthians 11:29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith by those gathered at this altar (1 Cor.10:17;11:26), any who have not been instructed, or who hold a confession and church fellowship differing from that of this congregation, and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and desire to receive the Sacrament, should first arrange to speak with the pastor. For further study, see Matthew 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 10:14-21;11:17–34.

A PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH - Lord of abundant mercy, You display Your kindness to the just and unjust alike. Give me a grateful heart that, spurred on by faith, I might praise You for Your daily safekeeping and the redemption that is in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - Happy Thanksgiving! You are in the right place. Like the leper who returned to Jesus to offer Him thanks, you are a guest of the God of all things, who in love provides for all your needs. As you reflect on the abundant blessings you have received from the Lord this year, do not forget the gift of faith. You know a Savior in Jesus Christ! You have hope and salvation! You are an heir of heaven! You have a treasure more valuable than the wealth of the whole world. Rejoice that the Master has had mercy on you and that your faith has made you well.

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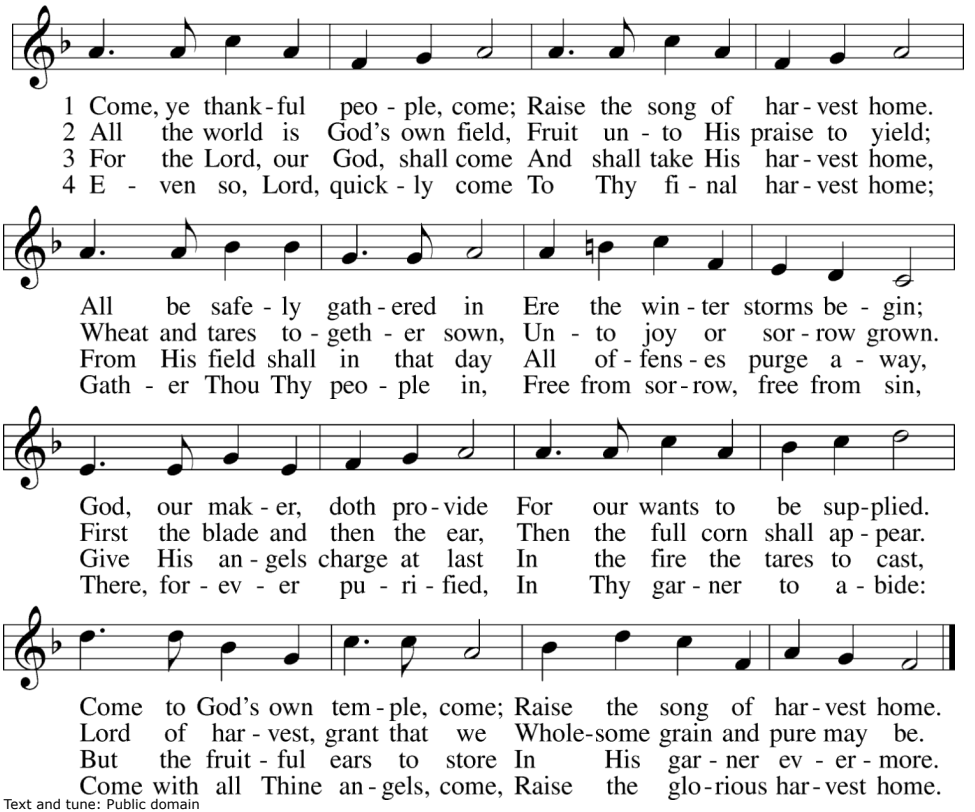
PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* **LSB 892**



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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

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. 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.

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

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.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: v. 33*

P I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

C O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions—

P These all wait for You, That You may give them their food in due season.

C What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with good.

P You send forth Your Spirit, they are created; And You renew the face of the earth.

C I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

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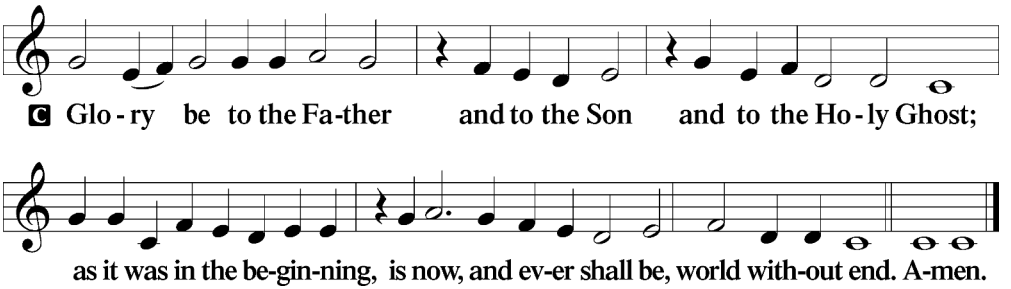

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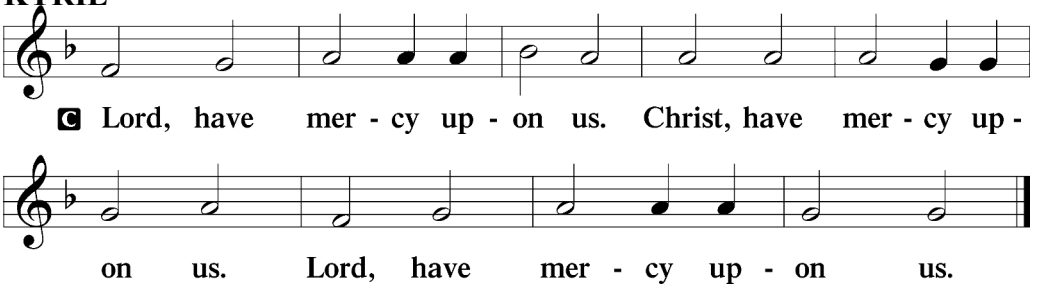

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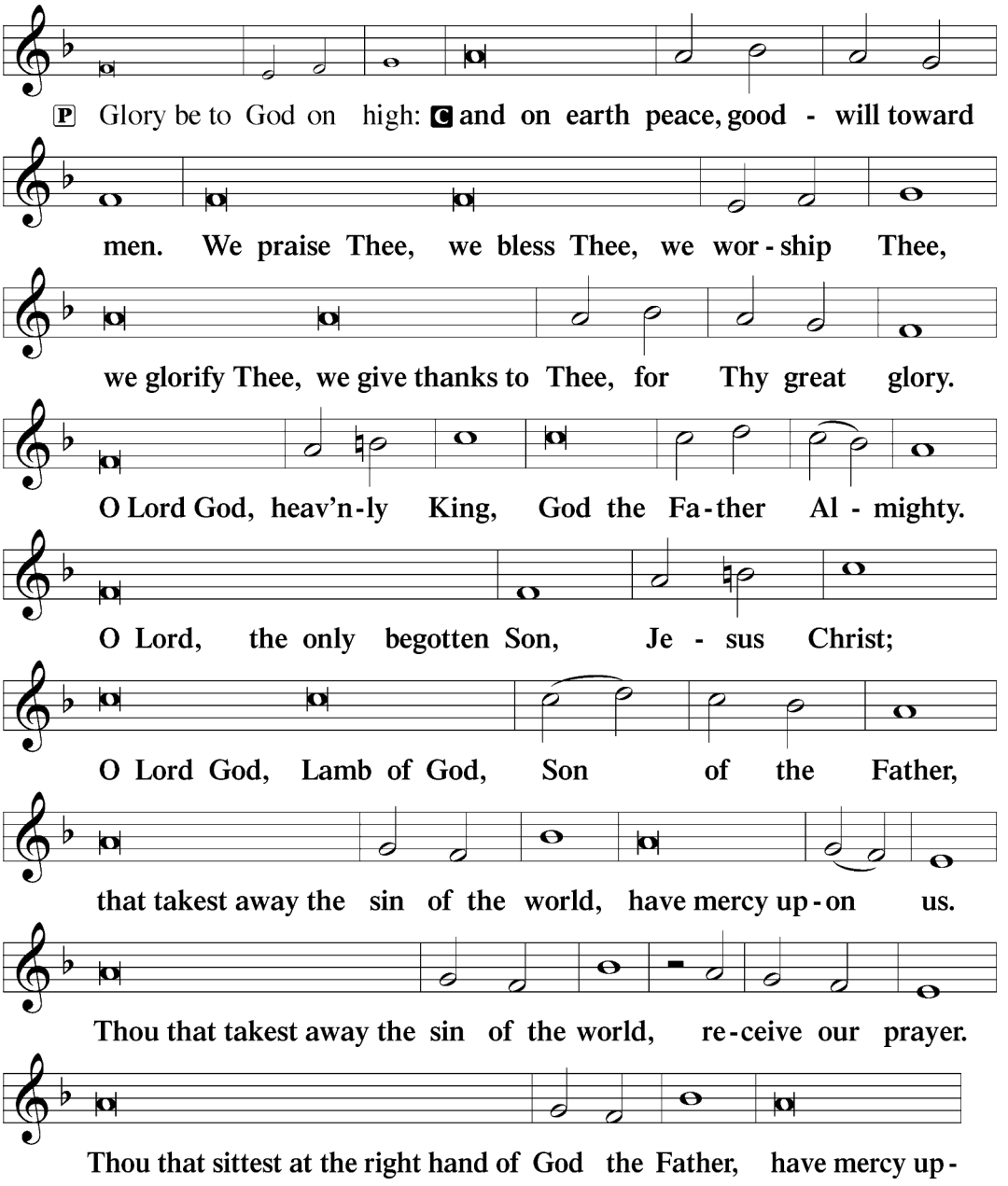

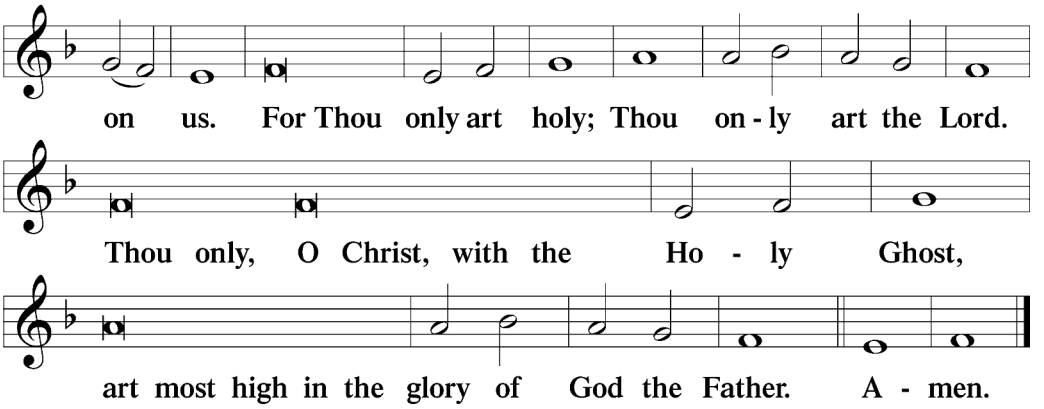

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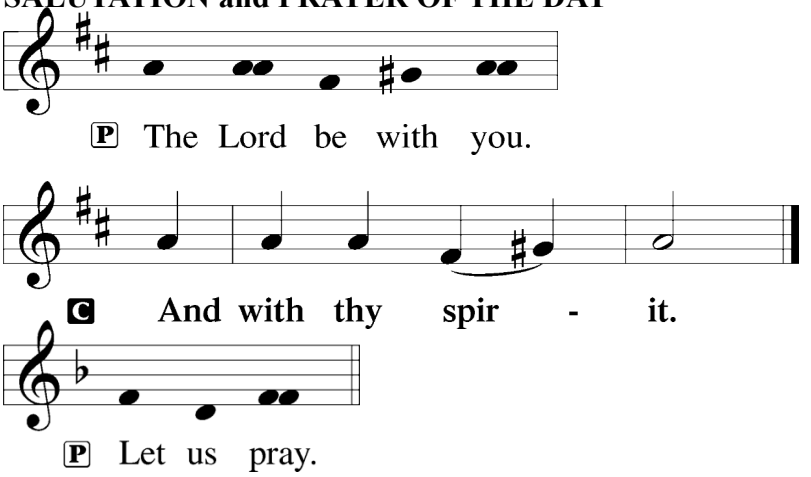

P Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 8:1–10*

(The Lord pledges His past faithfulness will carry His people into their future.)

1 "Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe,

that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers. 2 And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. 3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. 4 Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. 5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you. 6 "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. 7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; 9 a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. 10 When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 7*

P God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.
C God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us, Selah
P That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations.
C Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.
P Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously, And govern the nations on earth. Selah
C Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let all the peoples praise You.
P Then the earth shall [b]yield her increase; God, our own God, shall bless us.
C God shall bless us, And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

EPISTLE *Philippians 4:6–20*

(With Christian contentment, Paul makes known His reliance on the Lord's grace.) 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your[a] care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. 14 Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. 15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. 16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. 18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

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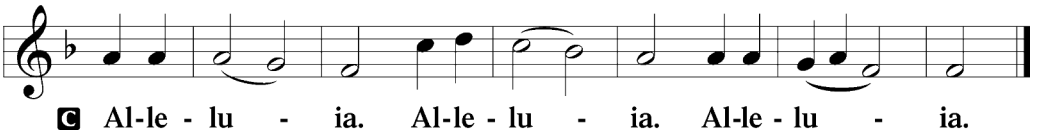
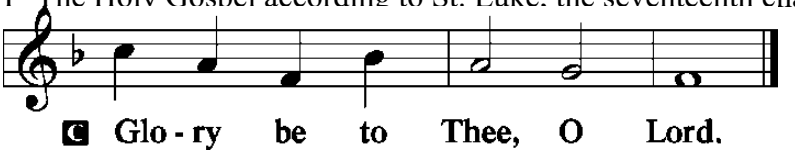
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19*
(A Samaritan leper responds to Christ's miraculous mercy with thanksgiving.)

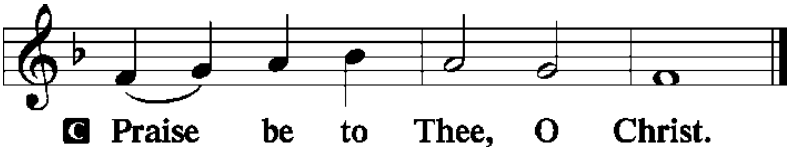
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



11 Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. 13 And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, 16 and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. 17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 Were there not any found

who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord



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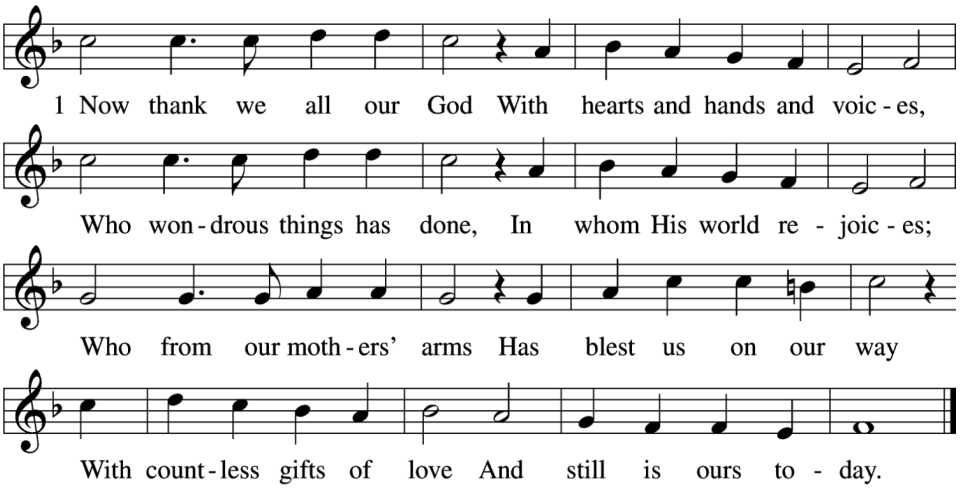
C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Now Thank We All Our God* **LSB 895**



2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessèd peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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SERMON ***"Thanking God for the Eucharist"*** Matthew 26:26-30

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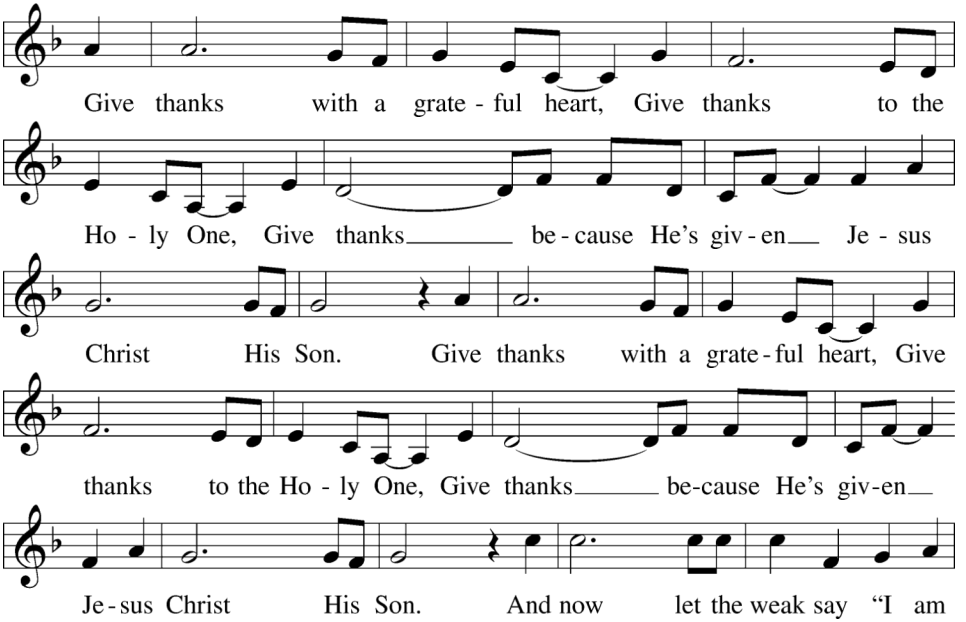
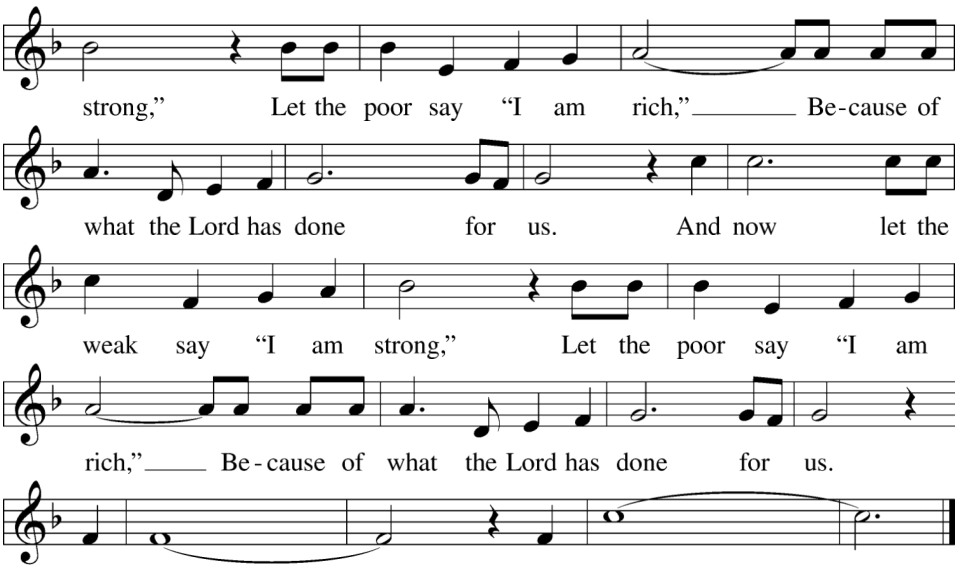
OFFERTORY *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* **LSB 806**





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SHARING OF THE PEACE "Peace be with you"
[through use of American Sign Language]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

C O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare Your praise.

P For our homes and families, that they might be shelters from danger and havens of Your peace, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For our nation's economy, that all people might be able to apply themselves to honest work, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For schools and universities, that students might be safe and have guidance to grow into honorable citizens, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For clinics, hospitals, and research laboratories, that healthful medicines and therapies could be delivered with compassion and integrity, and for those receiving care we ask your good favor upon them (especially....). Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For all who govern our land, that they would lead as servants and bring dignity to their office, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For all who rely on charity, that their needs would be met and their feet would be put

on paths toward positive outcomes, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For productive agriculture, that Your care for humanity might shine through those who feed others, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For those who defend our country and those who respond in emergencies, that they would be esteemed rightly and find satisfaction in how they serve, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For Your holy church, that believers might stand firm in the truth and stand up for the hurting and helpless, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For the earth and the gifts of clean air and water, that You would continue to sustain life through this world's beauty and abundance, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P For the many gifts we neglect to thank You for that we now recognize in our hearts, we pray.

Silent prayer

P Lord, in Your mercy,

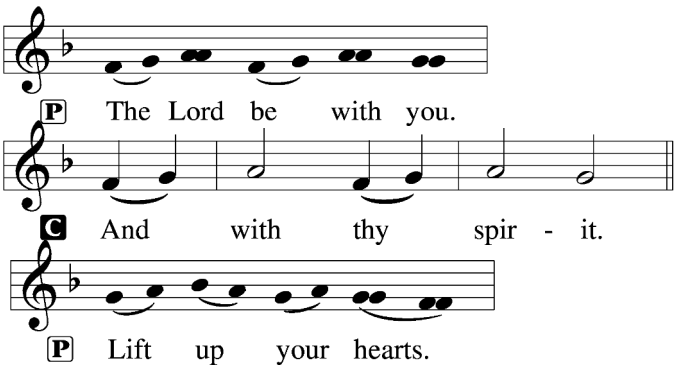
C hear our prayer.

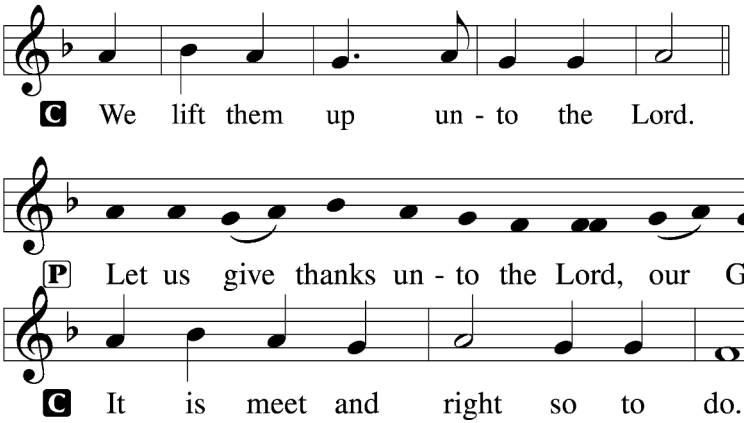
P For these and all other things You know we need, we offer our gratitude. Increase our faith that we might always look to You for our blessings and return to You the thanks You are due; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE





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, for the blessings You bestow in time and in eternity, chiefly in the giving of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who entered our world to help, heal, and ultimately redeem a fallen creation. In His compassion, He heeds the cries of the hurting, and in obedience to Your will, He offers Himself as a ransom for many. Along with those called to share one Spirit, one faith, and one confession, with angels and with archangels and saints whose pilgrimage has led them home to You, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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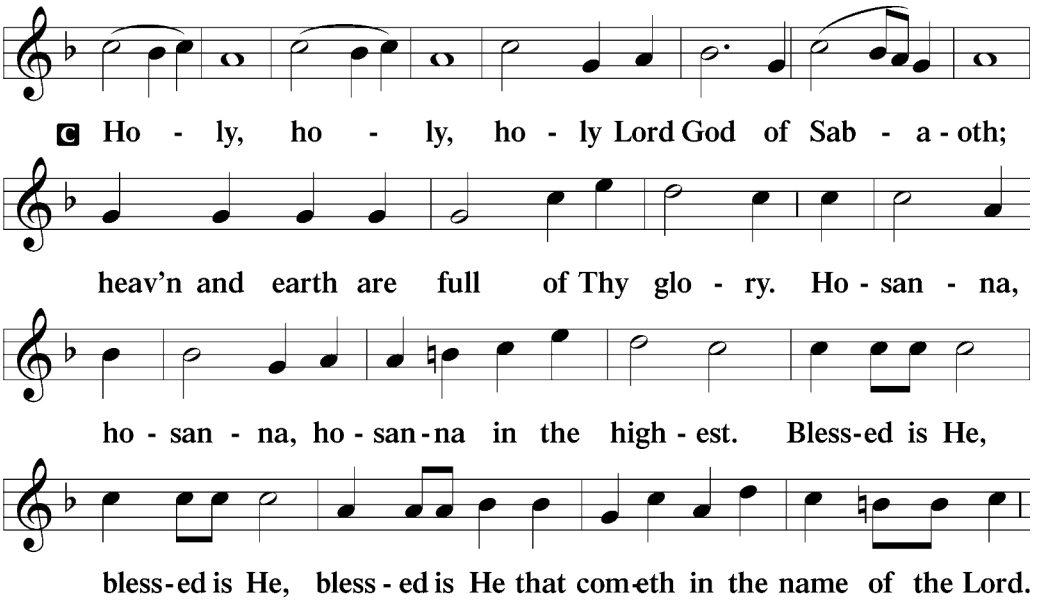
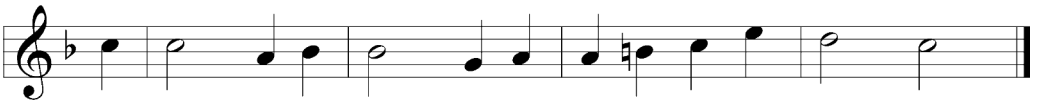
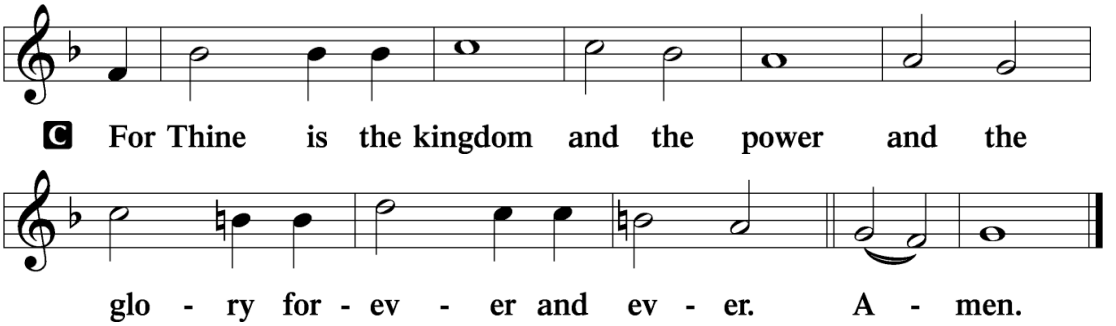




LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

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.



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."

P 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."

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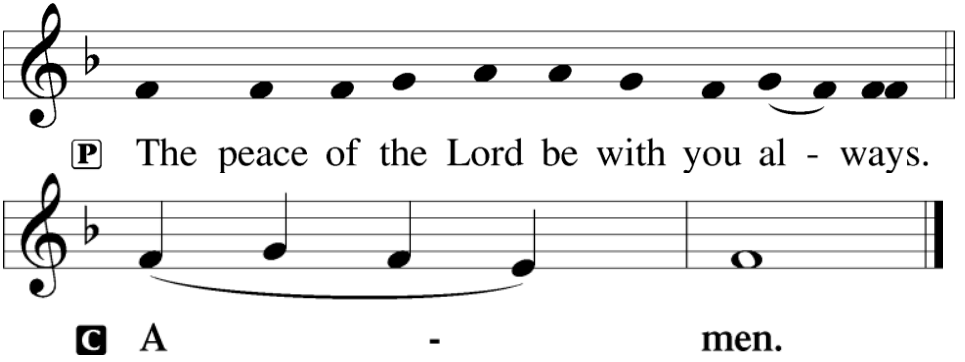

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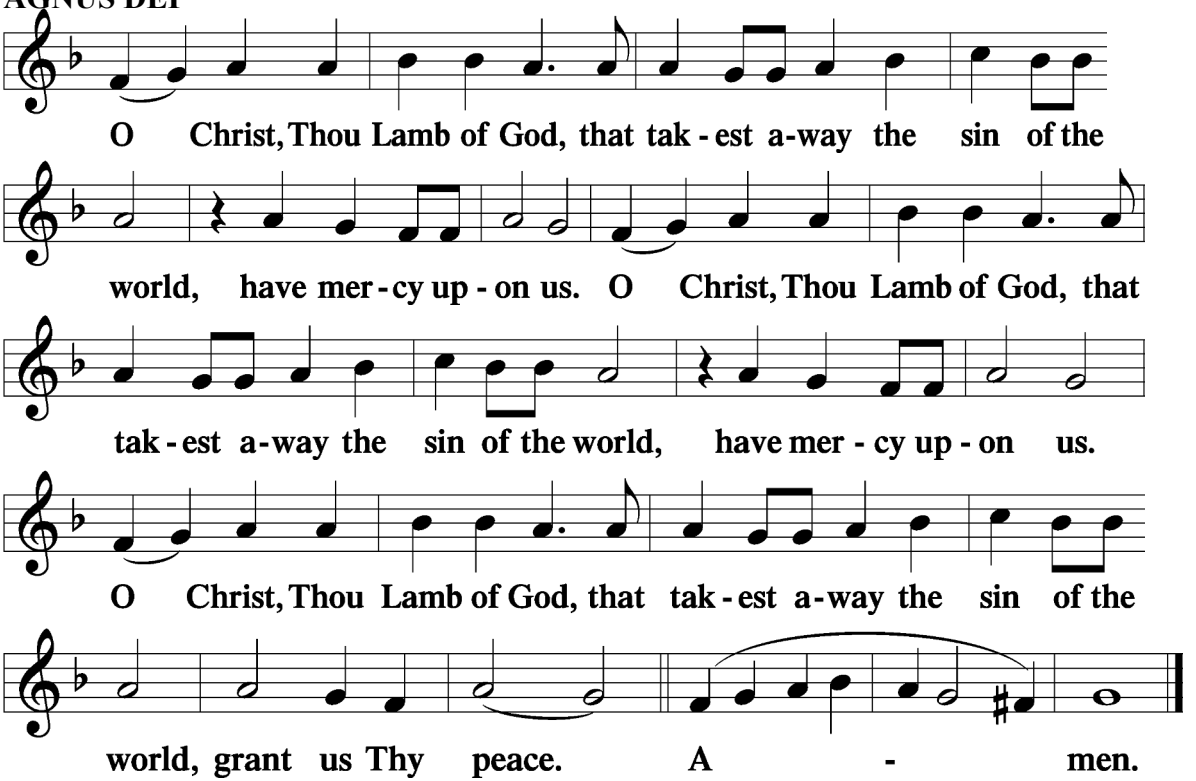

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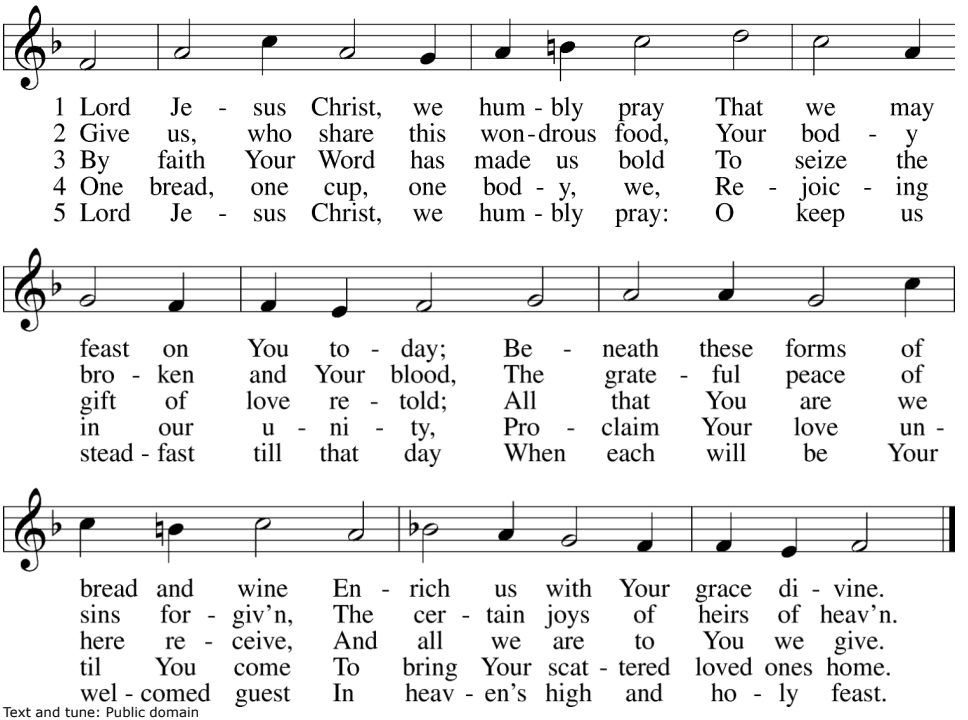
SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray* **LSB 623**



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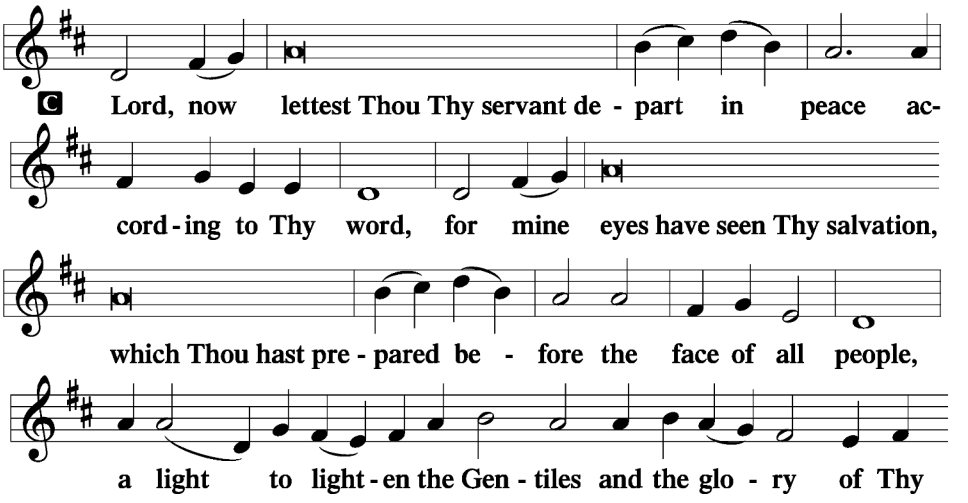

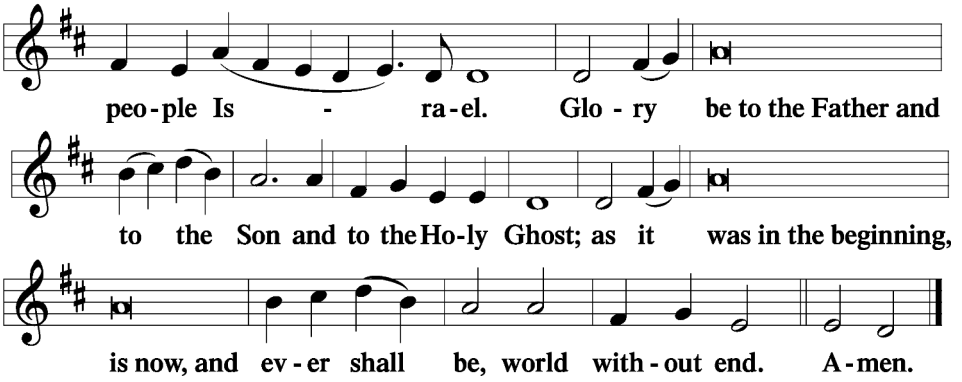

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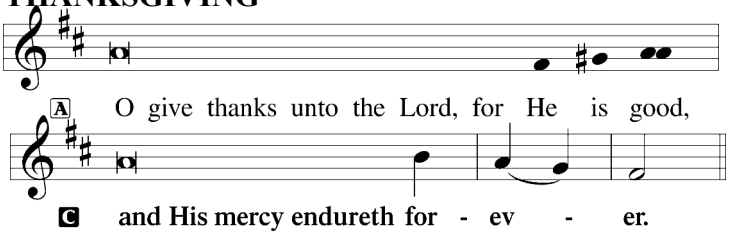
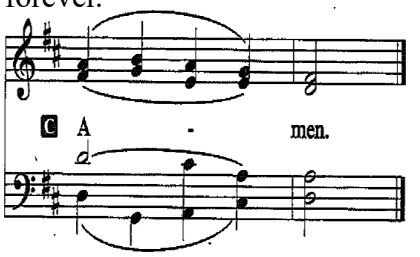


P: Let us pray. Lord, Your steadfast love endures forever, and Your faithfulness extends to all generations. As you have called us to share this Meal at Your Table, keep us steadfast in the true faith, that knowing Your grace we might be those who do not forget Your benefits or fail to thank You for Your matchless love through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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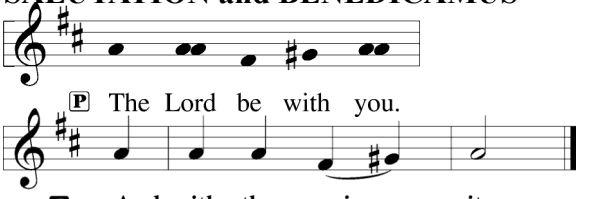
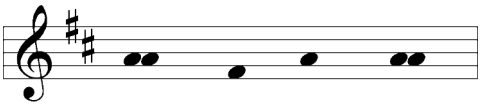
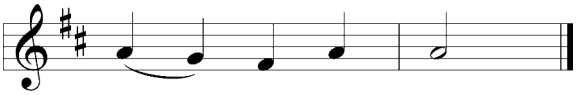


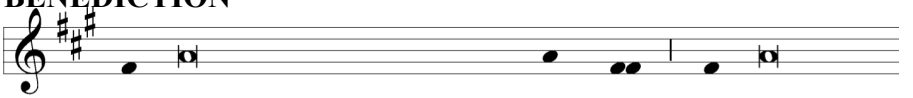


A Bless we the Lord.

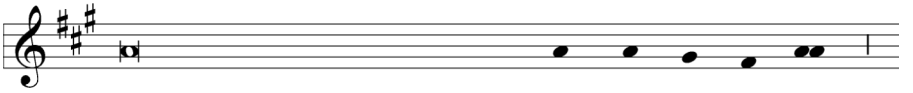


C **Thanks be to God.**

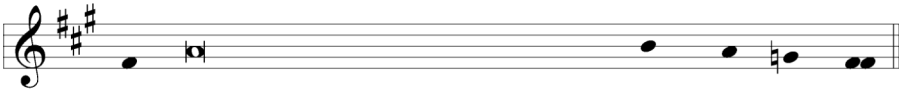
BENEDICTION



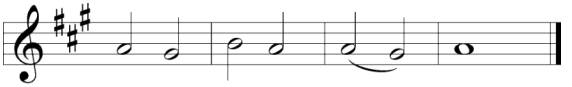
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



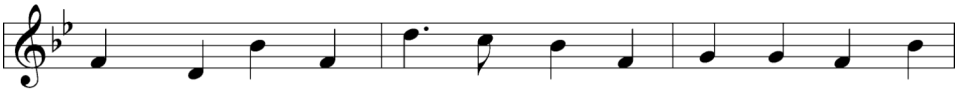
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✢ give you peace.



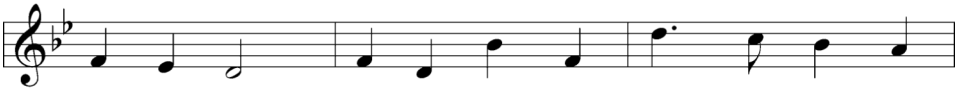
C **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

Please sit

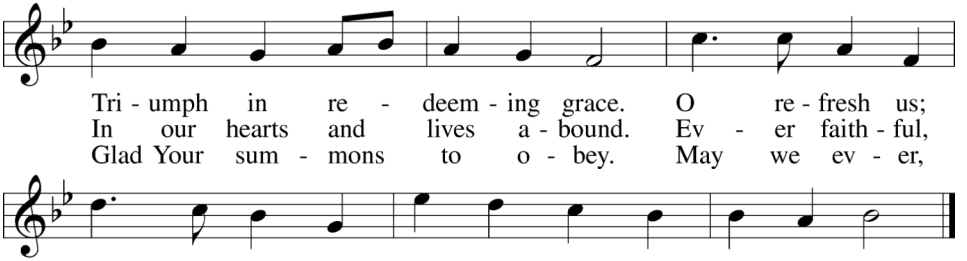
SENDING HYMN *Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* LSB 924



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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