

**March 2, 2022**

*Ash Wednesday*



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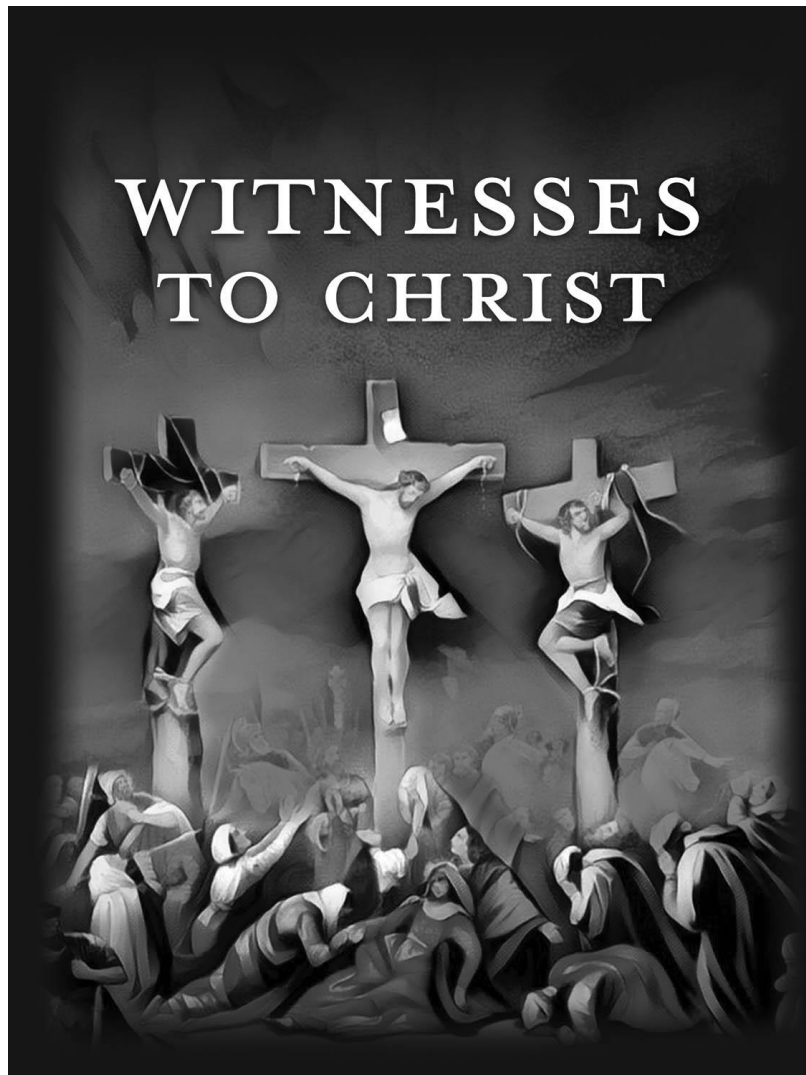
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Worship:  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am  
*Communion:*  
*1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays*

Adult Bible Study &  
Sunday School:  
9:30 am  
(Grace Hall)  
+  
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## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

#### PRELUDE

"Prayer of Penitence"  
"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

arr. L. Smith  
arr. W. Greene

#### WELCOME

*Stand*

#### HYMN

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"

**LSB 419**

#### INVOCATION

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

#### OPENING SENTENCES

- P** Today we begin our Lenten journey, recognizing the witnesses who point us to Christ,  
**G** **testifying to His words and actions for us.**
- P** John the Baptist directs us to Jesus, proclaiming:  
**G** **"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*1 John 1:8–9*

- P** John's words remind us that we need forgiveness. We cannot escape our sin, guilt, or shame on our own. Though we may try to hide our sin, our heavenly Father knows all things. He invites us to turn to Him so that our sin, guilt, and shame might be taken away. Together we confess:  
**G** **Lord, we come before You filled with regrets of things we should not have done, words we wish we could take back, and thoughts we cannot bear to remember. Our sins have infected our relationships with others and our**

**relationship with You, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so the joy of Your salvation might be restored to us.**

**P** John's words remind us that forgiveness comes to us from Jesus. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world by His death and resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, the Lamb of God, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen. Behold, we are forgiven by Christ!**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For peace in our hearts, knowing that salvation is sure, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For peace among the nations and the growth of the Church in faith and numbers, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Church here and wherever God's people gather for praise and worship, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

## **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**P** O God, You desire not the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. We implore You to have compassion on the frailty of our mortal nature, for we acknowledge that we are dust and to dust we shall return. Mercifully pardon our sins that we may obtain the promises You have laid up for those who are repentant; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## **KYRIE**

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**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **PSALM**

*Psalms 51:1–12*

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**C** **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

**P** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**C** **Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.**

- P** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- C** **Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C** **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.**
- P** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- C** **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- C** **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. 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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Joel 2:12–19*

- P** The Old Testament Reading is from Joel, the second chapter.

<sup>12</sup>"Yet even now," declares the LORD,  
 "return to me with all your heart,  
 with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
<sup>13</sup>and rend your hearts and not your garments."  
 Return to the LORD, your God,  
 for he is gracious and merciful,  
 slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love;  
 and he relents over disaster.  
<sup>14</sup>Who knows whether he will not turn and relent,  
 and leave a blessing behind him,  
 a grain offering and a drink offering  
 for the LORD your God?  
<sup>15</sup>Blow the trumpet in Zion;  
 consecrate a fast;  
 call a solemn assembly;  
<sup>16</sup>gather the people.  
 Consecrate the congregation;

assemble the elders;  
gather the children,  
even nursing infants.

Let the bridegroom leave his room,  
and the bride her chamber.

<sup>17</sup>Between the vestibule and the altar  
let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep  
and say, "Spare your people, O LORD,  
and make not your heritage a reproach,  
a byword among the nations.

Why should they say among the peoples,  
'Where is their God?'"

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD became jealous for his land  
and had pity on his people.

<sup>19</sup>The LORD answered and said to his people,  
"Behold, I am sending to you  
grain, wine, and oil,  
and you will be satisfied;  
and I will no more make you  
a reproach among the nations."

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

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

**SR. CHOIR, 7:00 PM Service, "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"**

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus: He will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear  
Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify, true belief and true  
repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall.

If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he  
requireth is to feel your need of him.

## EPISTLE

*2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10*

**P** The Epistle is from Second Corinthians, the fifth and sixth chapters.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

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

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

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## VERSE

*Psalm 45:2a*

**P** Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 1:29–34*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

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

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

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**HYMN**

"By All Your Saints in Warfare"

**LSB 518 sts. 1, 18, 24, 3**

**SERMON**

**NICENE CREED**

**G** 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- Lord, we pray for all those who struggle with past sins and the guilt and regret that remain from those sins. Open their ears to hear and believe Your Word that they are indeed forgiven by You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- A** Lord, we pray for all those who have suffered shame, concealing the evil that has been done to them. Encourage them that even if they cannot bring themselves to reveal their pain, You have suffered with them. You have removed their shame. Your light conquers even the deepest darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, energize all pastors, educators, musicians, and leaders in Your Church through this season. Grant that their service and work proclaim faithfully Your forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**

**A** Lord, bring back those who have wandered from the faith. Remind them of Your grace. Help Your Church to be a place that welcomes others just as You welcome others. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, restore all those who are sick, injured, recovering, or preparing for surgery, [*especially . . .*]. We ask Your healing and patience for these, Your servants. Remind them that You have walked the road of pain and suffering and will raise them out of all their suffering when You return. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Lord, comfort all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, [*especially . . .*]. Uphold them in the days ahead, knowing that You, too, walked the road of grief, but that You are the resurrection and the life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

### VOLUNTARY

"The Light of the World is Jesus"

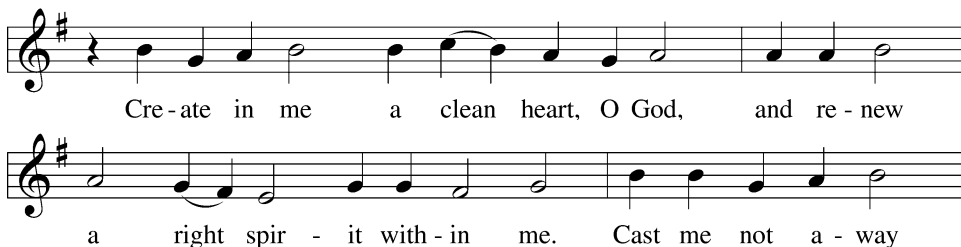
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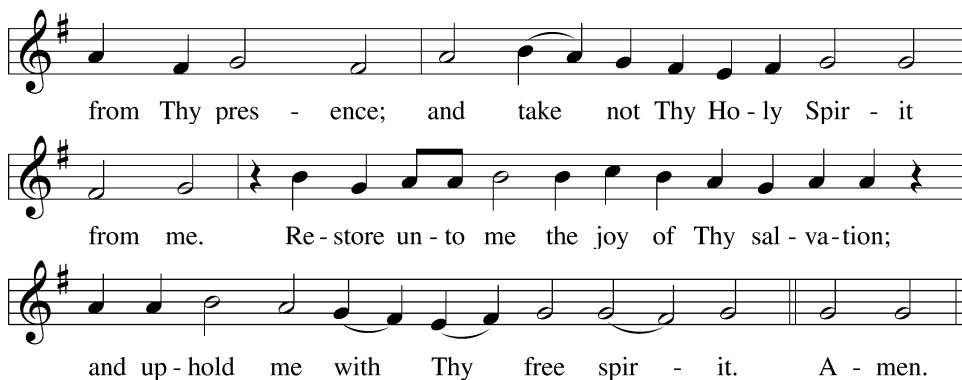
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### OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

**LSB 956**





## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

**C** Amen.

## 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."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

- G 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.**

## PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

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**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, grant us peace.

## HYMN

"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

LSB 617

## VOLUNTARY

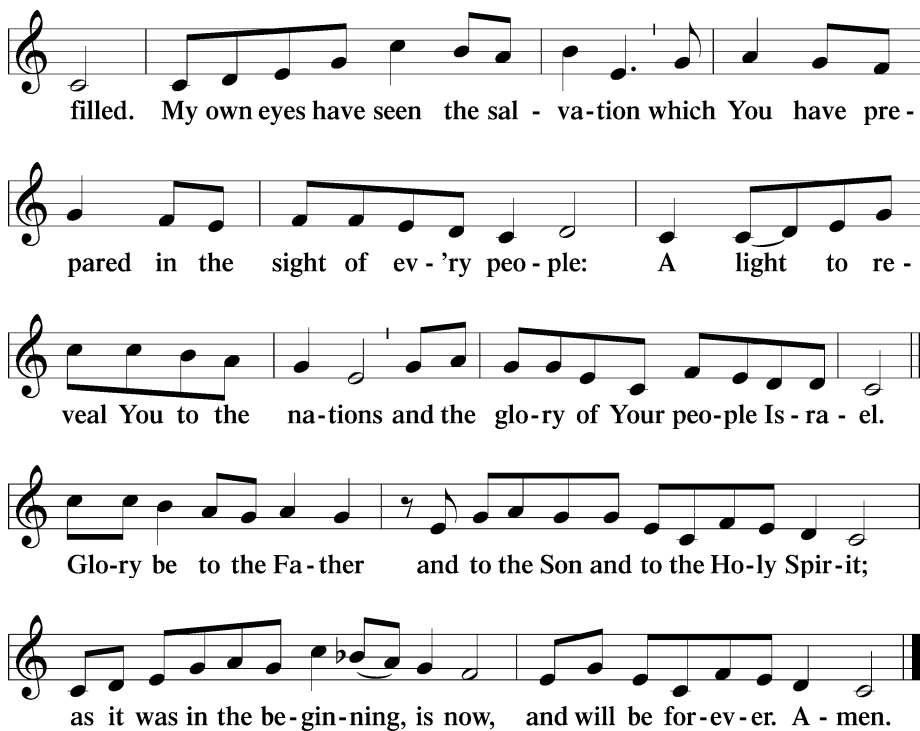
"O Lord, We Praise Thee"

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## NUNC DIMITTIS

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**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -

pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -

veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

- 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.

**G** **Amen.**

## HYMN

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"

**LSB 424**

## POSTLUDE

"The Rock of Salvation"

F. Ritter

## PARTICIPATING IN THIS SERVICE

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