November 22, 2026

Last Sunday
In the Church Year

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9:30 am

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✢ PREPARATION ✢

Today we will observe The Lord's Supper…*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord 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 and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked you first to speak with the pastor, an elder or an usher. (For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; I Cor. 11:17-34). Wine is used in the individual and common cup. It may also be received by intinction. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

PRELUDE "March in D" arr. R. Parks
"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" setting: M. Balderston

Stand
BLESSING OF A CROSS

Done from rear of sanctuary

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

P Beloved in the Lord, St. Paul speaks of the importance of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, saying: "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." By His death on the cross our Lord won salvation for us.

It is fitting that this cross be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer for our devotion and as a proclamation of His atoning work for us.

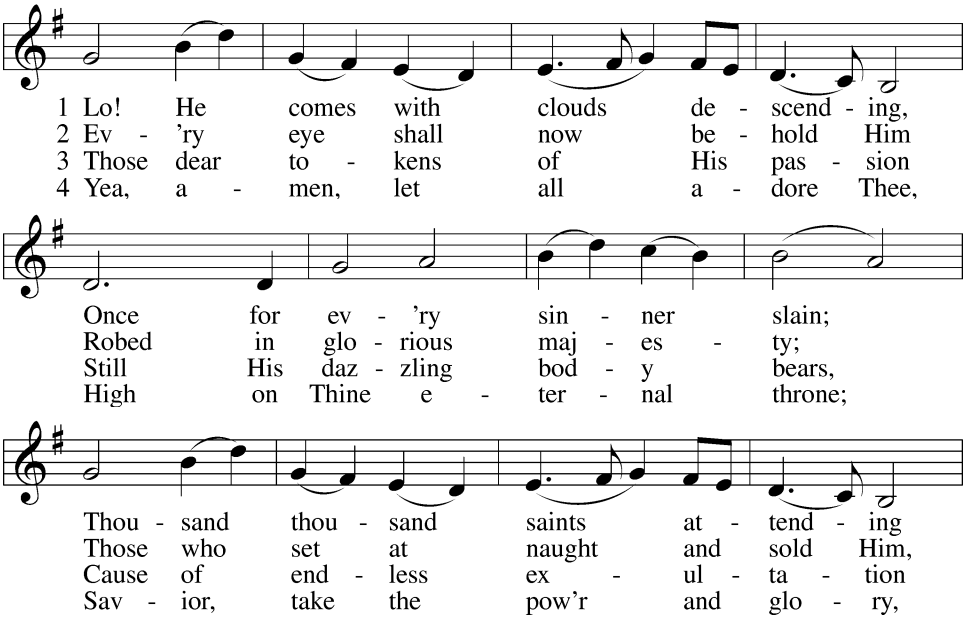
℗ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
℄ who made heaven and earth.

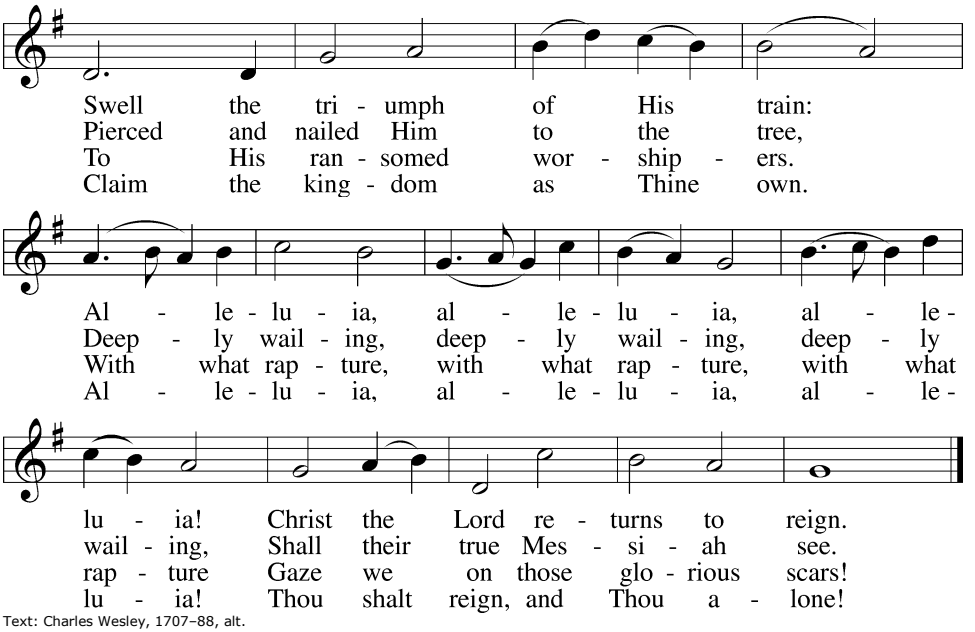
℗ The Lord be with you.
℄ And also with you.

℗ Let us pray.
Merciful and everlasting God, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins on the cross. Grant that our eyes may ever behold our Savior and His cross, that we may not fear the power of any adversaries but rather rejoice in His victory for us; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
℄ Amen.

℗ The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this cross.
℄ Amen.

HYMN "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" ***LSB 336***





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Tune: Thomas Olivers, 1725–99
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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

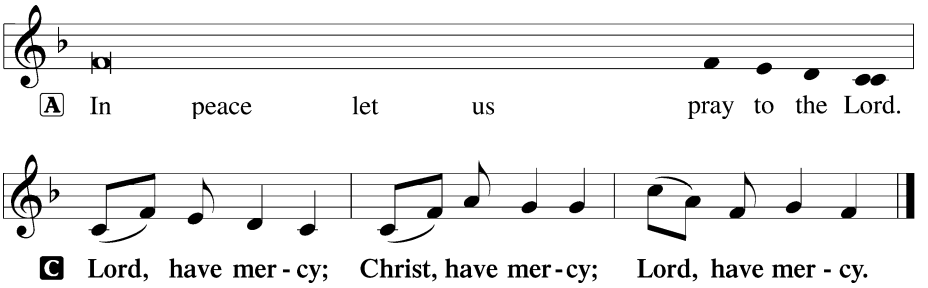
C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

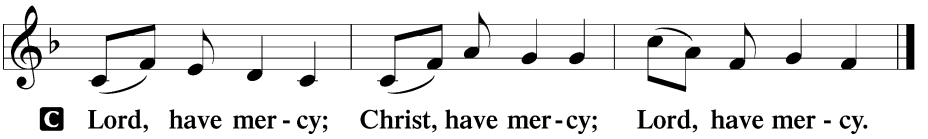
C Amen.

✢ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✢

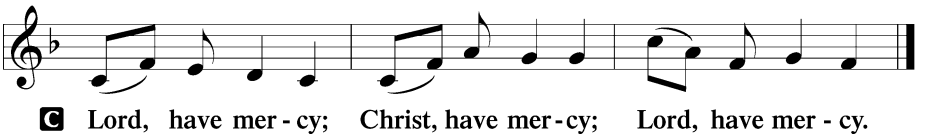
KYRIE *LSB 204*



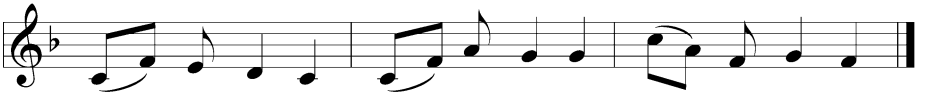
A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.



A For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

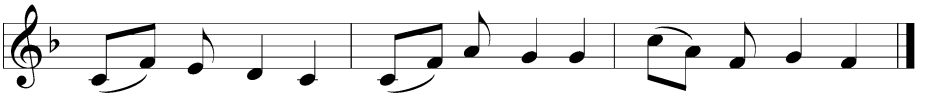


A For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.



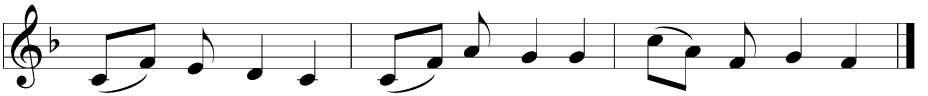
C **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.



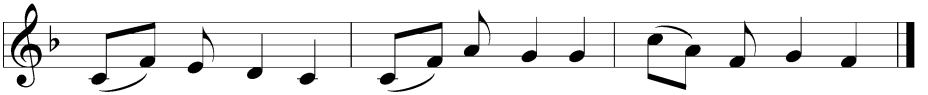
C **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.



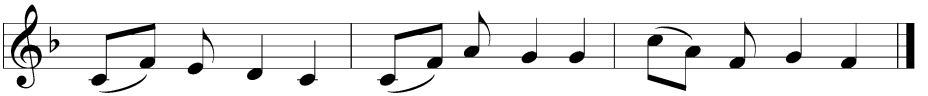
C **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.



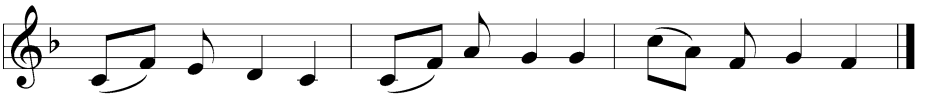
C **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.



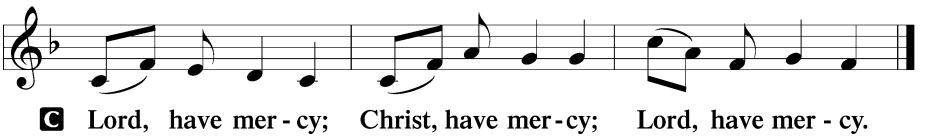
C **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

A For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.

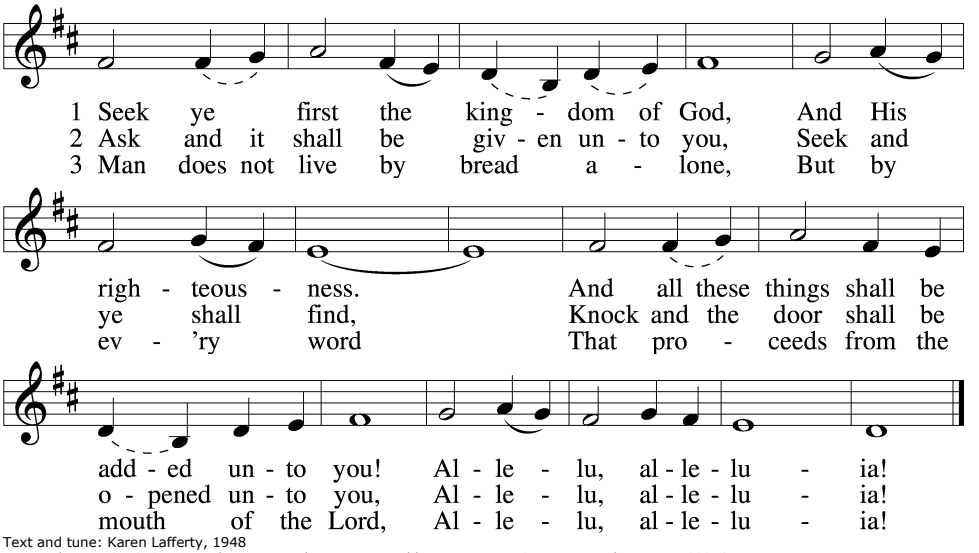


C **Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN "Seek Ye First" **LSB 712**



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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

The Word is read…

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

A These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

C **Blessèd are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

THE EPISTLE READING *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

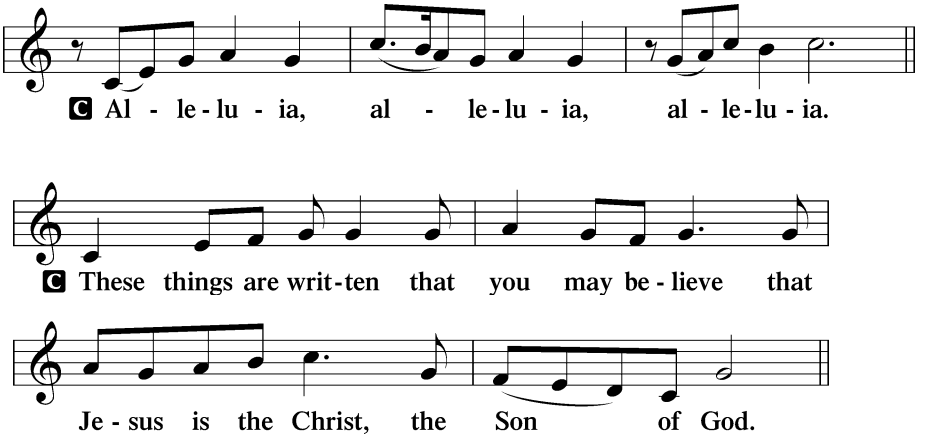
The Word is read…

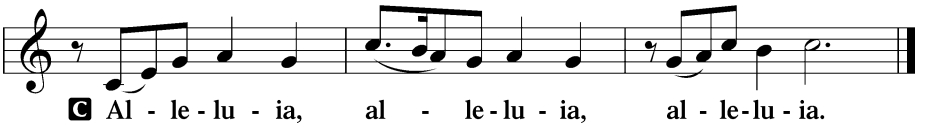
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE





HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:31-46*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

The Word is read …

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CATECHISM

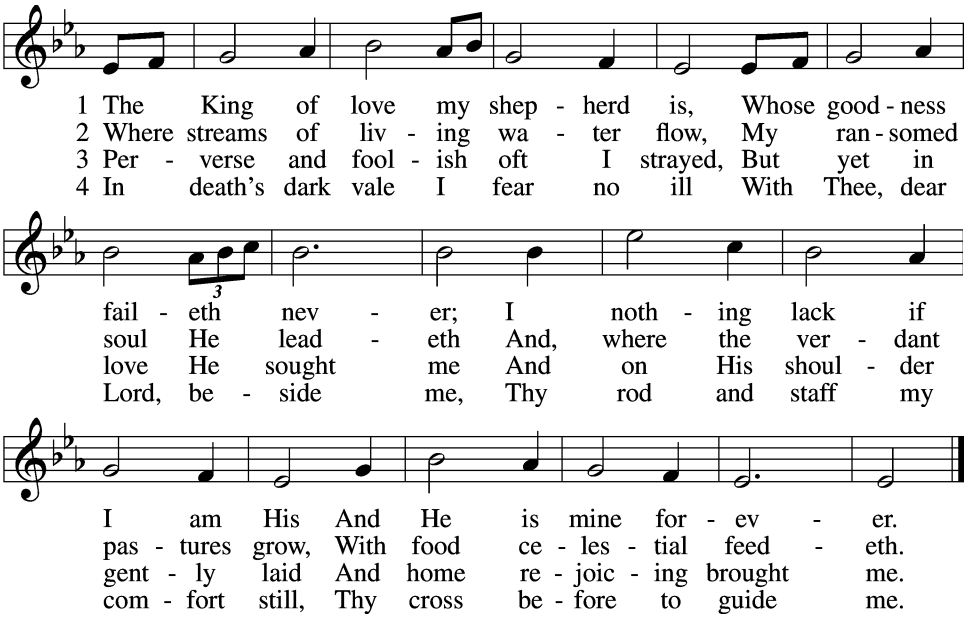
C **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,**

Sit

HYMN "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ***LSB 709***



5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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SERMON

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

℗ Let us pray for all people around the world, for the Church wherever it is found, and for ourselves in our daily living as God's people.

To our eyes, heavenly Father, arrogant and evil people get rewarded in this fallen world at the expense of those who would try to remain true to Your will and rule in

their lives. Hear the cries of those who call to You for justice, human rights, and dignity. Grant them an increase of faith and hope as they long to see Your gracious plans come to fruition.

C **Remember them, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**

A At times it is difficult, O Holy Spirit, to recognize the growth of the Church, either in numbers or in steadfast faith. Where the Church has been part of society for ages, church buildings are put to other uses and attendance is sparse at worship services. Hear the prayers rising to You from Your Church, and by Your Word cause those who do not know You to come to saving faith. Assure them that the Lord of hosts is with them.

C **Remember them, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**

P Lord over all, the world's increasingly violent weather puts travelers on land, sea, and air at risk; it calls into question each season's harvest and raises the specter of famine. Wherever people are anxious about food, clothing, or shelter, and whenever they must seek help for ills of any kind, be their refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. [*We include those near and dear to us* . . .] Visit, relieve, console, and strengthen them as fits Your gracious plans.

C **Remember them, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**

A Lord Jesus, without Your aid, faith can grow cold, questions about Your love and mercy can arise, and the problems in front of our eyes can seem more real than Your abiding presence. O image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, renew strong faith and urgent love in us and all Your brothers and sisters in the faith so that we each hear for ourselves the clear promise of paradise You announced from the throne of the cross. Strengthen us for joyful service in Your kingdom.

C **Remember us, O Lord, in Your kingdom, and hear our prayer.**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

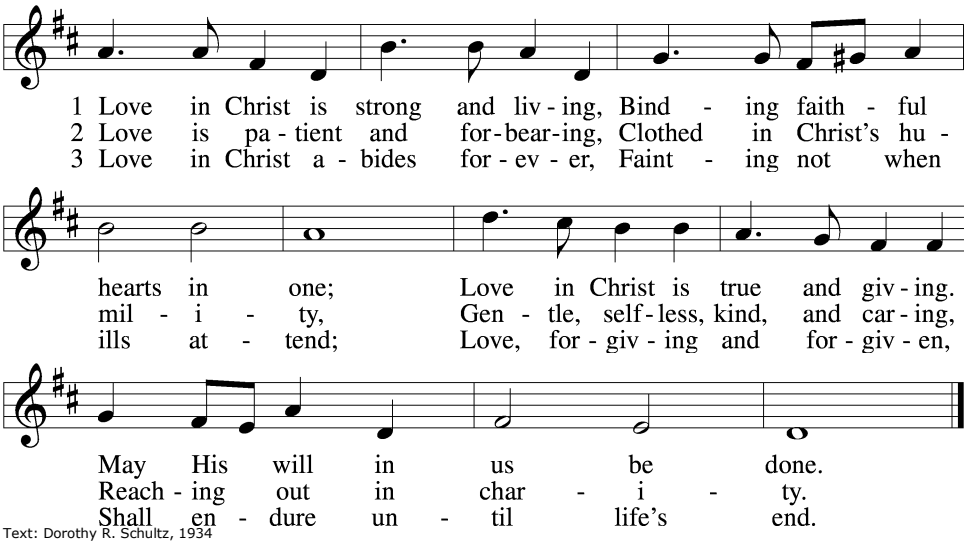
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY "Love in Christ is Strong and Living" setting: J. Vyhanek

OFFERTORY "Love in Christ is Strong and Living" *LSB 706*



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✢ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✢

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PREFACE *LSB 208*

℗ The Lord be with you.
℃ **And also with you.**

℗ Lift up your hearts.

℃ We lift them to the Lord.

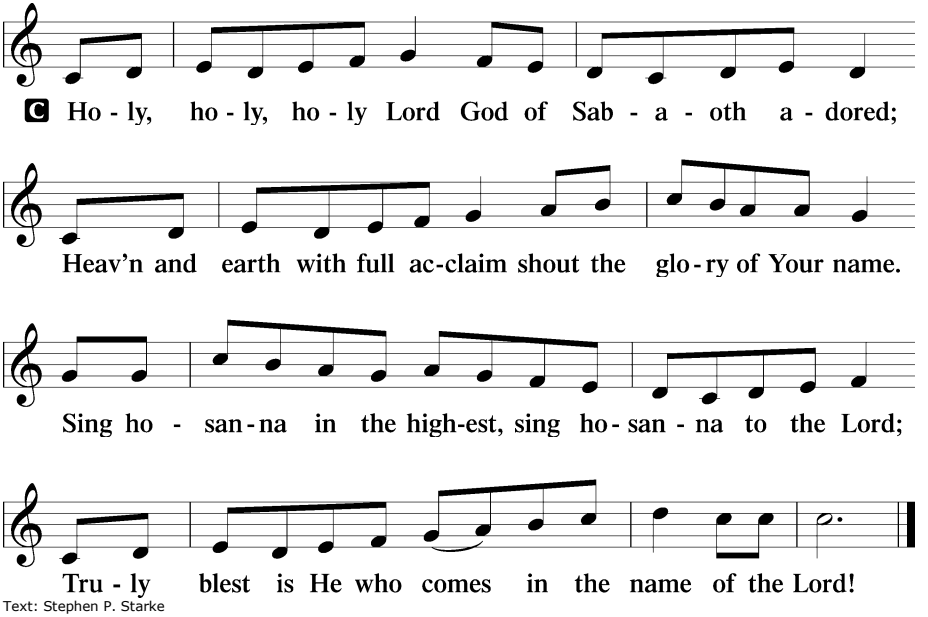
℗ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℃ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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 *LSB 208*



Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

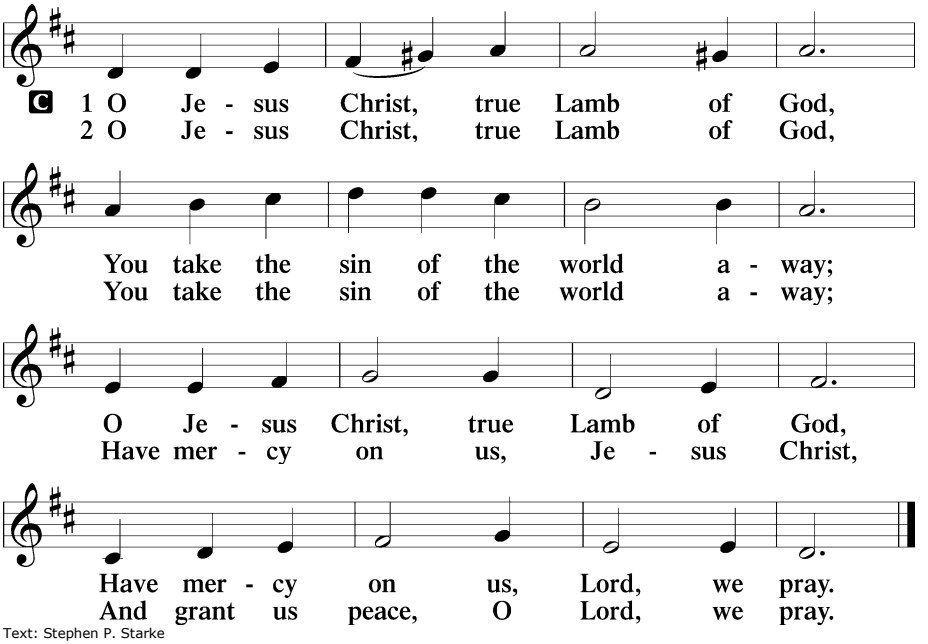
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

AGNUS DEI *LSB 210*

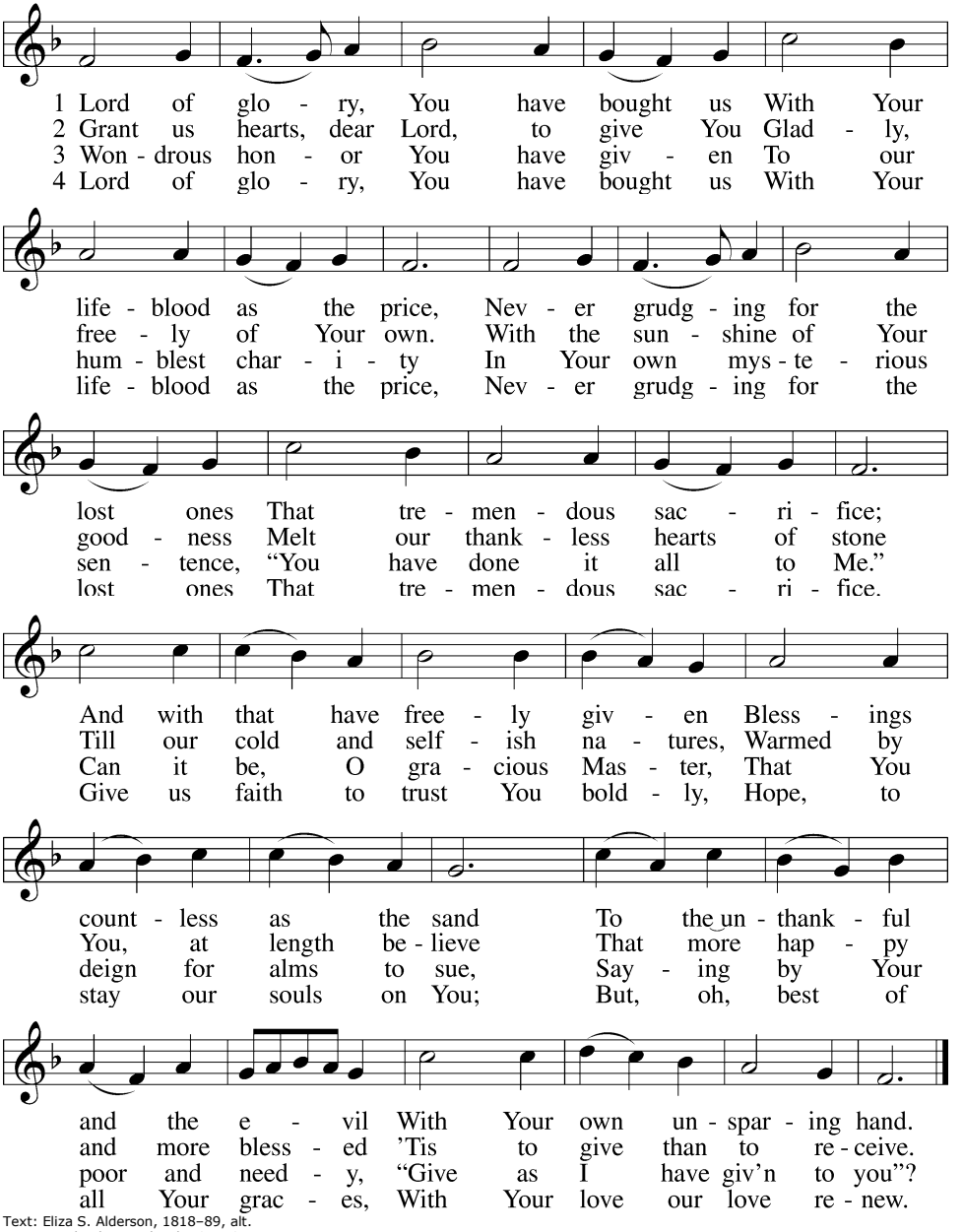


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DISTRIBUTION

HYMN "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" ***LSB 851***

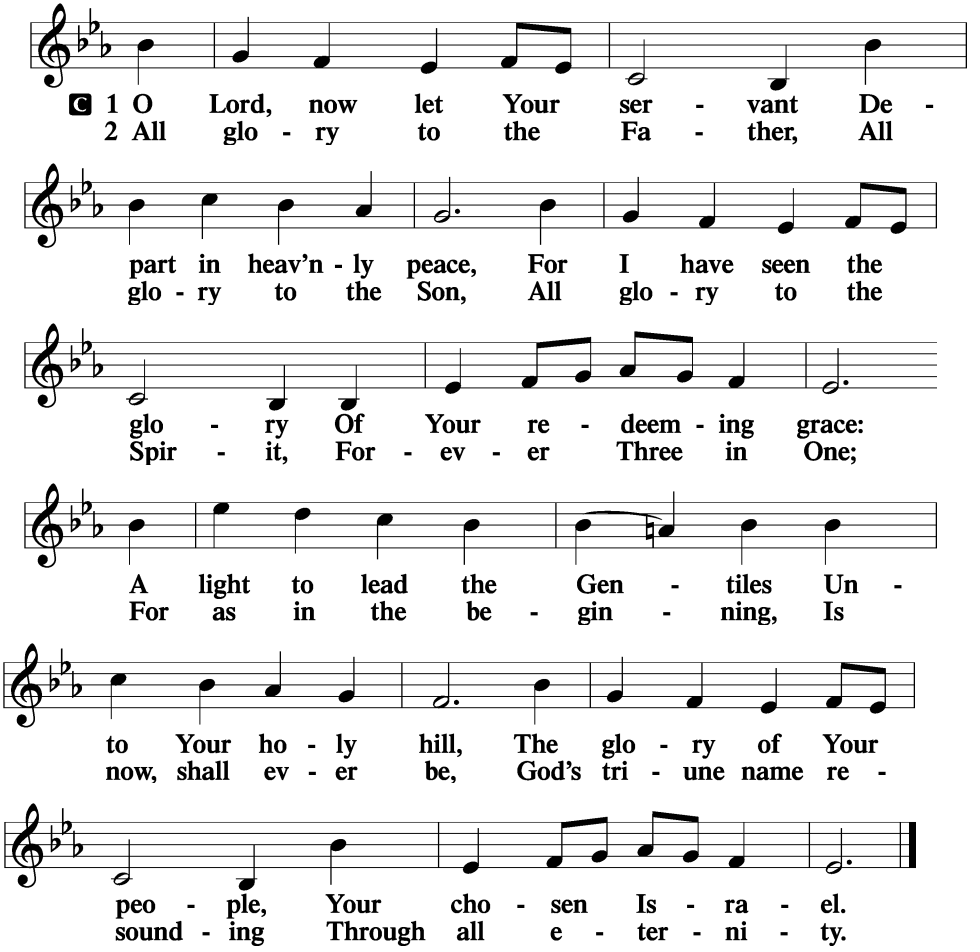


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VOLUNTARY "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" arr. D. Wagner

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS *LSB 211*



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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 **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

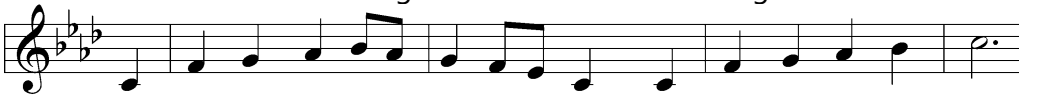
C **Thanks be to God.**

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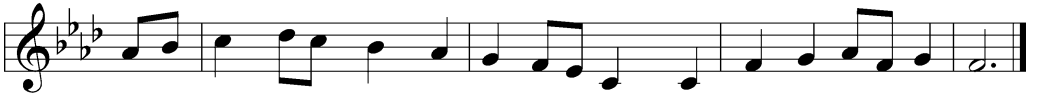
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

HYMN "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns" LSB 348



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen - dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE "With Joy Unending" E. Broughton

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