
Thanksgiving
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Service
12:00 & 7:00 PM
Wed., November 25, 2026

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

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✢ PREPARATION ✢

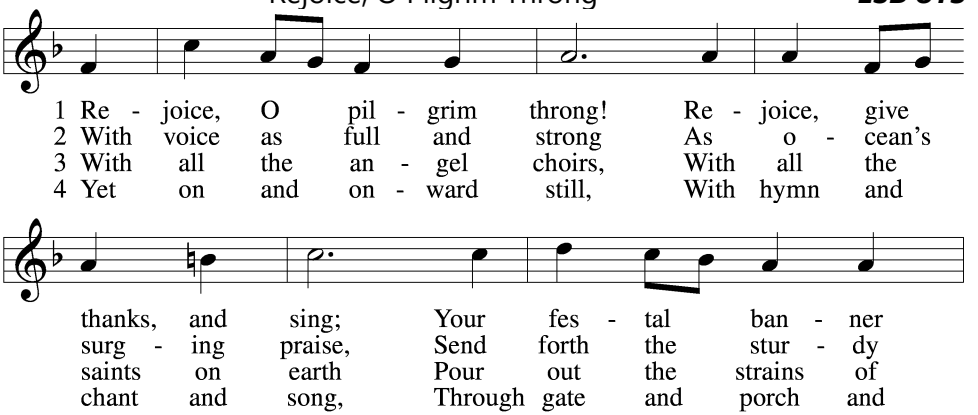
Today we will observe The Lord's Supper…*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Grace Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen 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.*

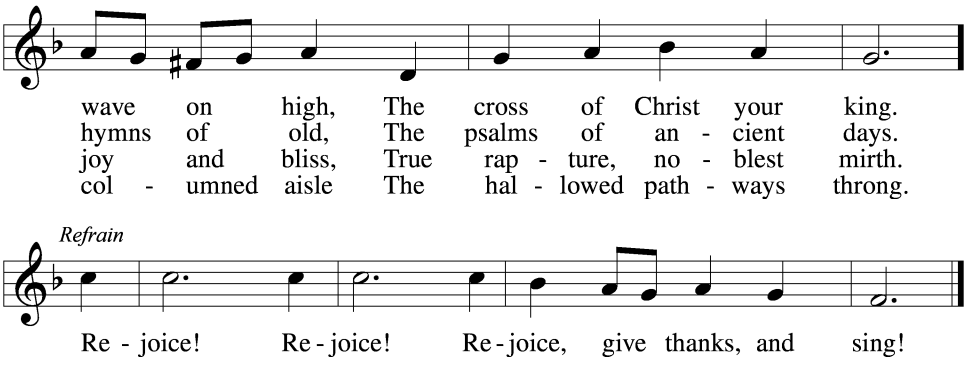
PRELUDE **"**Thanksgiving Flourish" E. Broughton
"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" arr. E. Rogers

WELCOME

Stand

HYMN "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" ***LSB 813***





5 Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness wend
Till dawns the golden day. Refrain

6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

△7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. Refrain

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Tune: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916
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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

A Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

A Come into His presence with singing!

C **Know that the LORD, He is God!**

A It is He who made us, and we are His;

C **we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

A Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

C **Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

A For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
C **and His faithfulness to all generations.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O Lord, we confess:

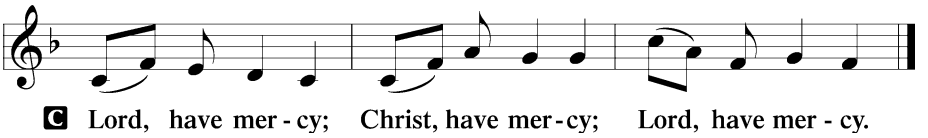
C **Your steadfast love endures forever. You are the source of all good things. Yet, for our thankless hearts, that is often not good enough. We do not recognize Your blessings or return Your generosity with gratitude. Our stubborn, sinful nature hoards for itself and refuses to share the overflow we have been given. Forgive us, O Lord, and stir us to thankfulness for Your gifts in this life, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus, through whom we have gifts for the life to come. 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 my Lord, Jesus 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.

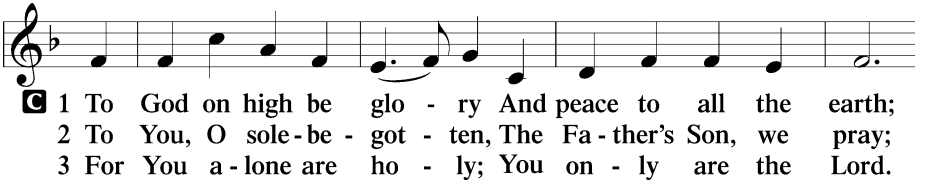
C **Amen.**

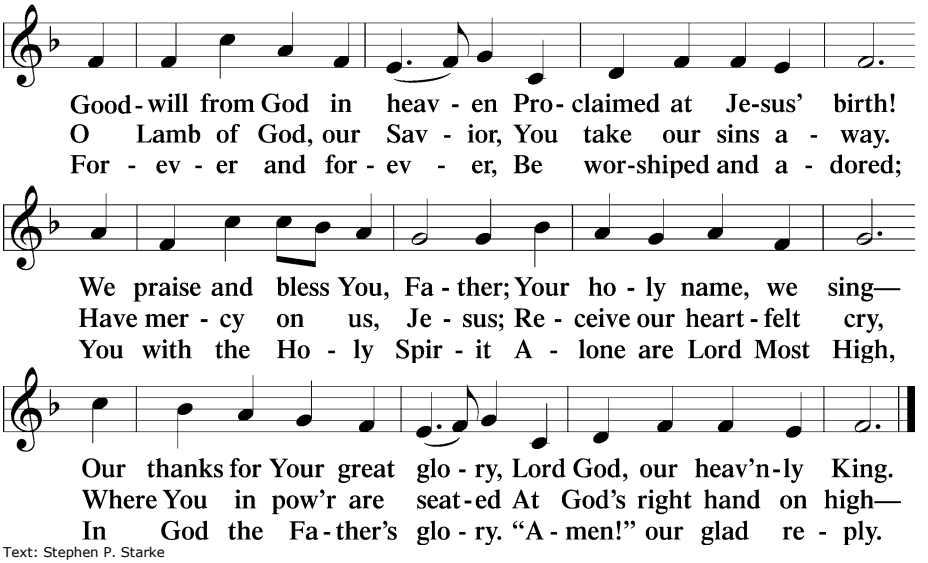
✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

KYRIE *LSB 204*



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *LSB 204*





Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY: DAY OF THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 8:1–10*

[1]"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. [2]And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. [3]And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you

with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. [4]Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. [5]Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. [6]So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. [7]For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, [8]a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees 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]And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: "A Harvest of Thanksgiving" S. Nordmeyer

Lord of the Harvest and Bringer of Light,
You are the Maker of all that is Right.
You fill our lives with abundance and love, sharing
Ev-ry bright gift from Your glory Above.
Lord of the Harvest, so faithful And true, let us give honor and Worship to You.
You are the Giver of all that is Fair, so we give our thanks in The way that we share.
We gather together to raise our Thanksgiving, with songs of the Spirit and anthems of praise.
With each declaration with
Ev-'ry oblation, our hearts will Be grateful for now and always!
Lord of Harvest, Creator and Friend, we stand amazed at Your love without end!
Now, in this moment and here In this place, we celebrate Harvest as children of grace,
As we gather together, giving Thanks and praise!

Merna Ahlymeyer - Recorder accompaniment

THE EPISTLE READING *Philippians 4:6–20*

[6]Do not be anxious about anything, 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 your minds in Christ Jesus.

[8]Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. [9]What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

[10]I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. [11]Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. [12]I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. [13]I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

[14]Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. [15]And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. [16]Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. [17]Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. [18]I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. [19]And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20]To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *Psalm 136:1*

P Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.

C **Alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11-19*

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

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

[11]On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. [12]And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a

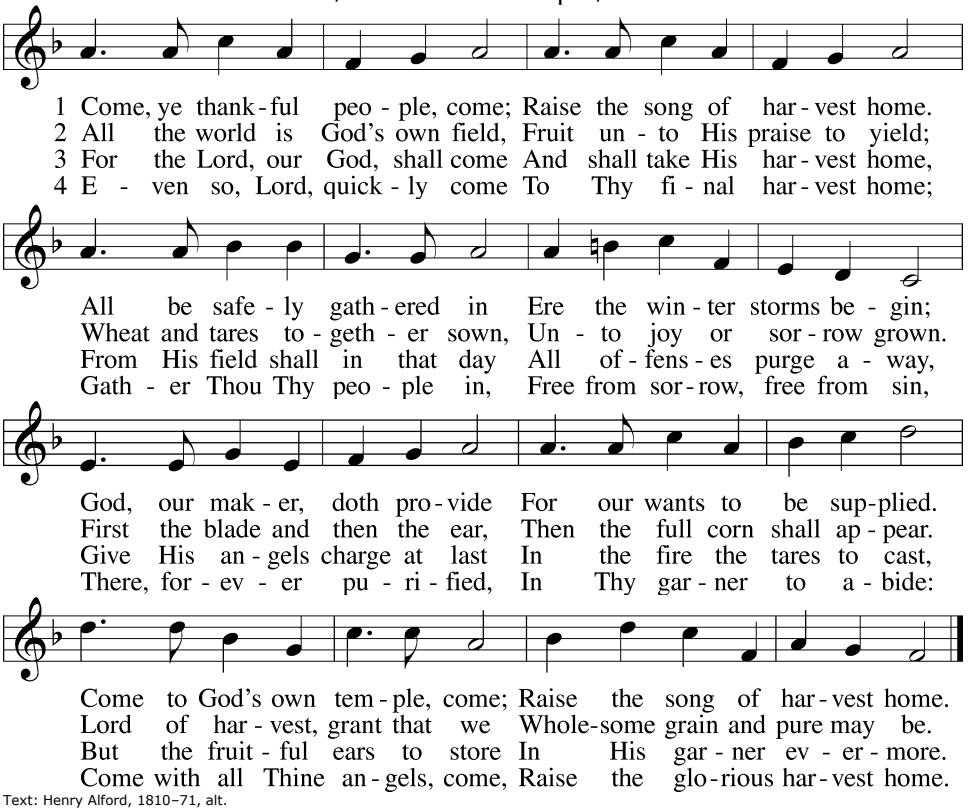
distance [13]and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." [14]When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. [15]Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; [16]and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. [17]Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? [18]Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" [19]And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

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



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SERMON

Stand

CATECHISM *Explanation of the First Article; Second and Third Articles*

P We affirm our faith in God the Father, our Creator and Caretaker.

C **He made us! We are His!**

P He gives us all good things to support our life.

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

A He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

C **He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.**

P All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.

C **For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

A We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of the Father, our Savior and King!

C **He redeemed us! We are His!**

P He gives to us the most gracious gifts of all: the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting!

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 We affirm our faith in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Advocate!

C **He claimed us! We are His!**

A He blesses us through the Word, Holy Baptism, and the Lord's Supper!

C **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.**

P O triune God, You alone are worthy of all thanks and praise at this time and forevermore!

C **Amen!**

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.**

A 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.**

A 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, we pray. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A 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.**

A 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.**

A 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.**

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

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A 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.**

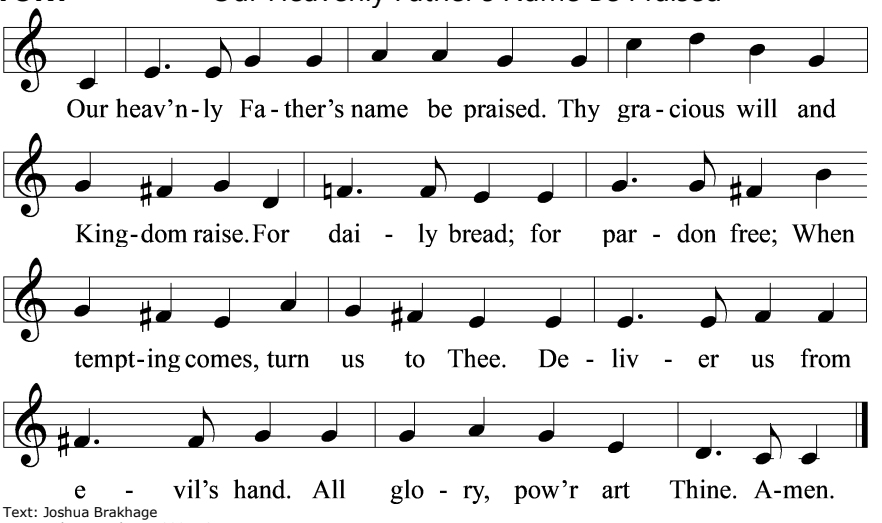
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OFFERING

VOLUNTARY "All Things Bright and Beautiful" arr. Scott

Stand

OFFERTORY "Our Heavenly Father's Name Be Praised" *tune LSB 717*



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✢ 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.**

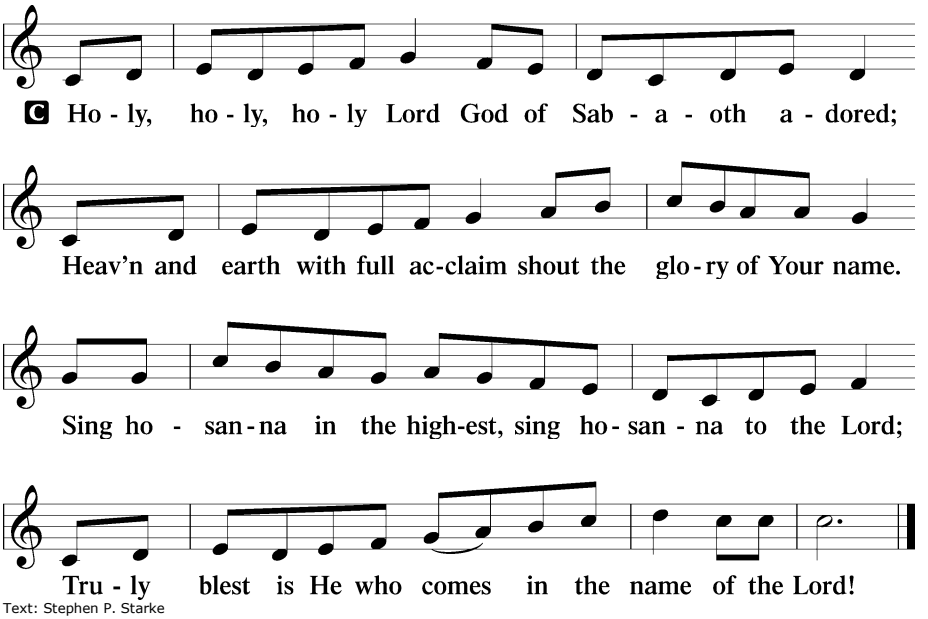
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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, 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:

SANCTUS *LSB 208*



Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, O triune God, for You have created, redeemed, and sustained the creatures of Your care. The eyes of all look to You, and You give them their food in due season. Feed Your faithful at this Table, that sustained in faith by Christ's true body and blood, His death and resurrection might be proclaimed and more eyes might look to You in faith. Open Your hand, O Lord, and satisfy the desires of every living thing to know the care and compassion of the almighty God, for You live and reign—Father, Son, and 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."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **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

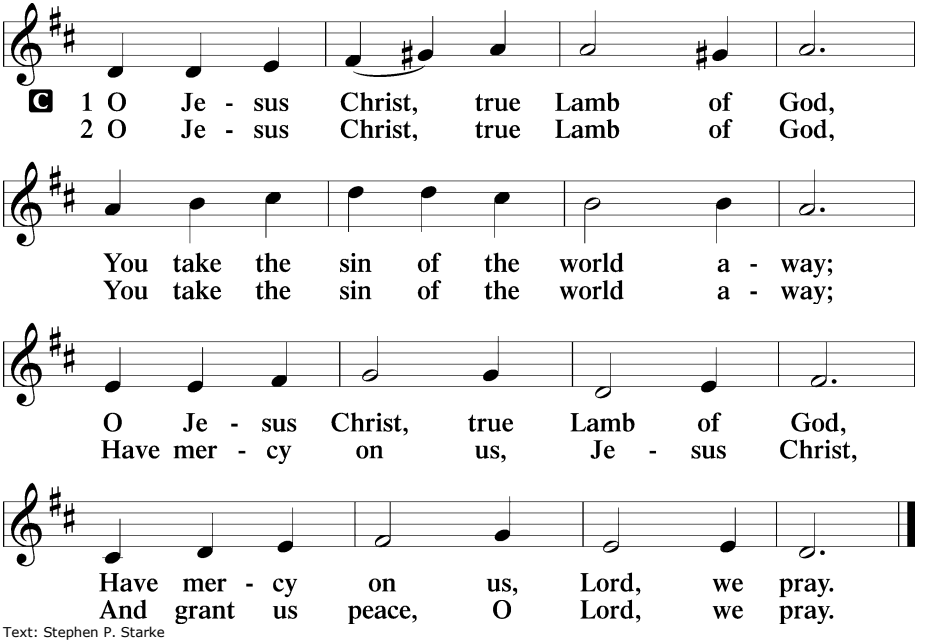
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

PAX DOMINI

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℃ **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *LSB 210*

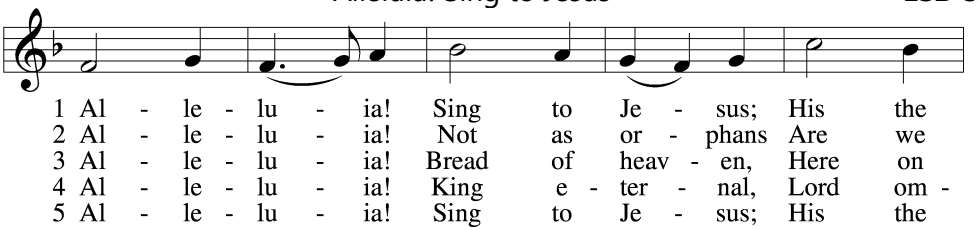


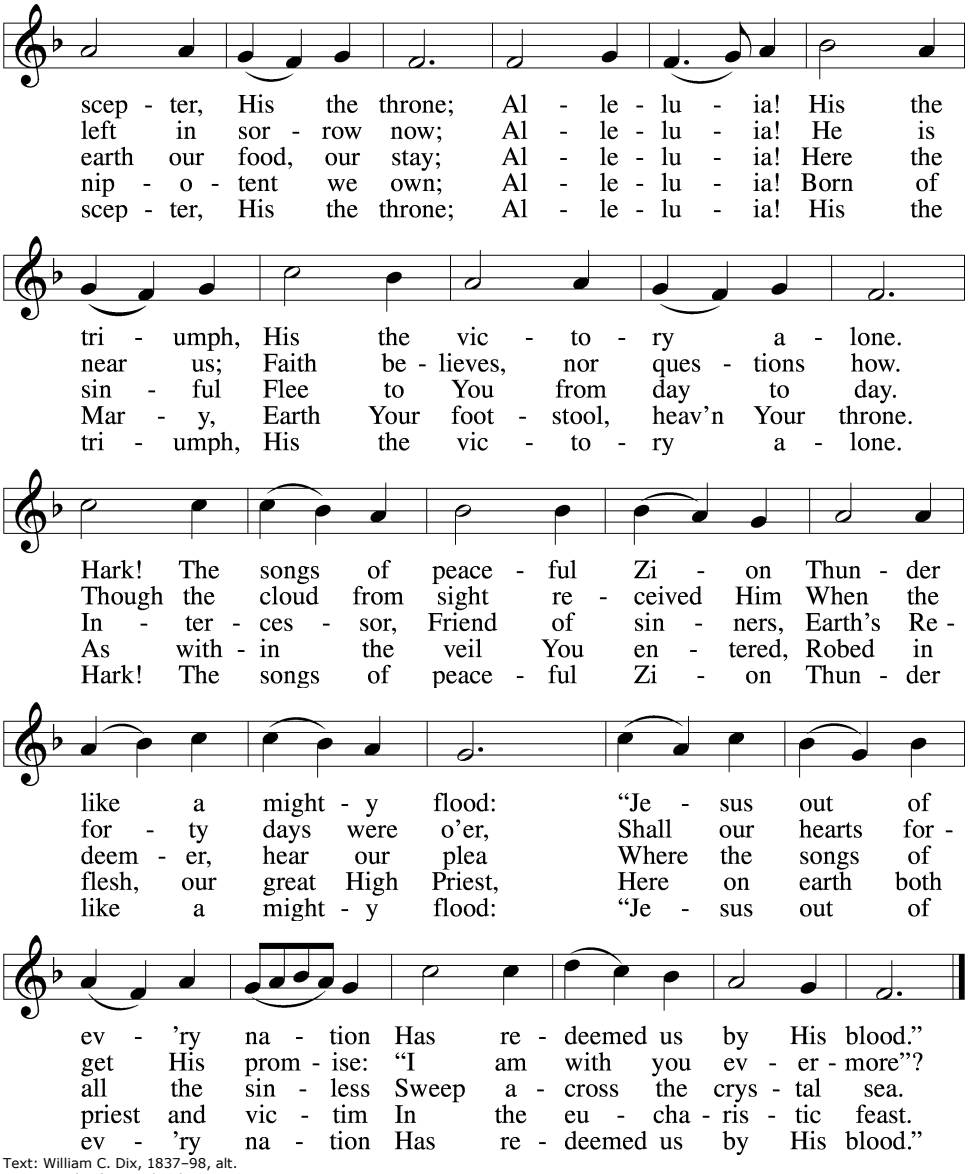
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DISTRIBUTION

HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" ***LSB 821***



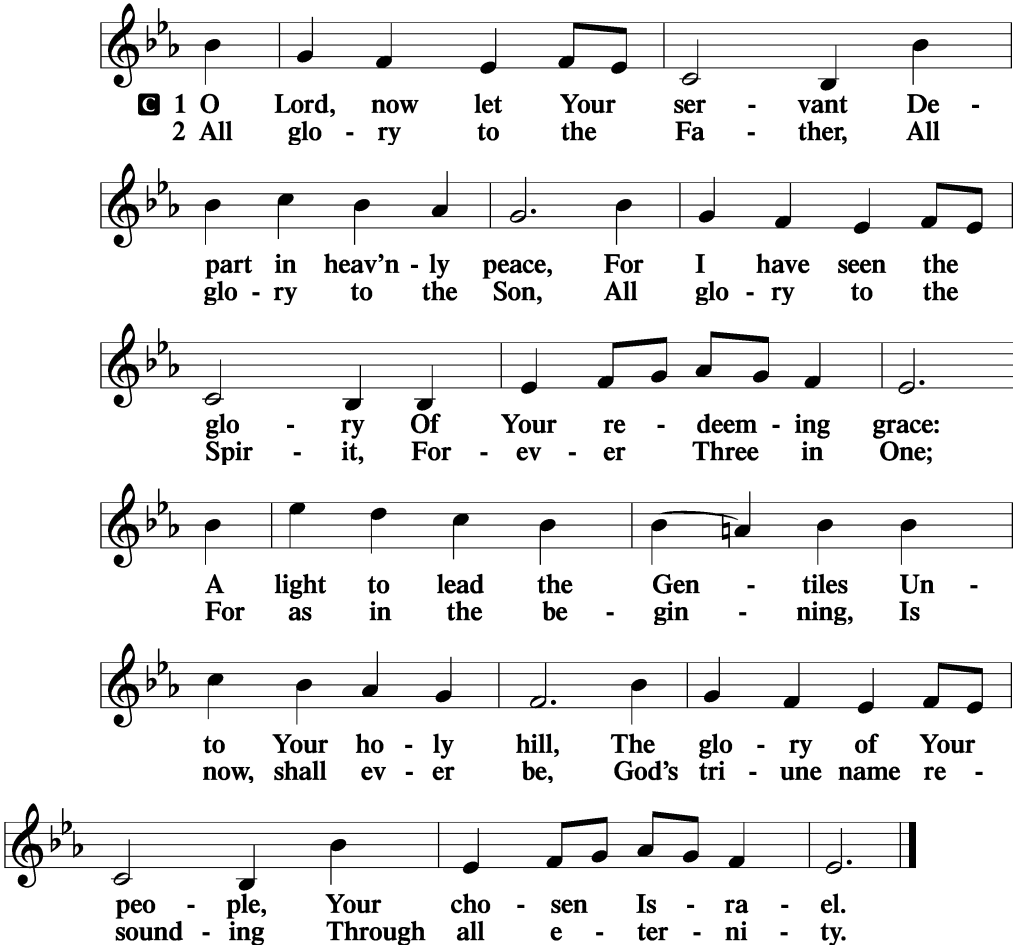


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VOLUNTARY "Come Ye Thankful People Come" setting: I. Prins

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS *LSB 211*



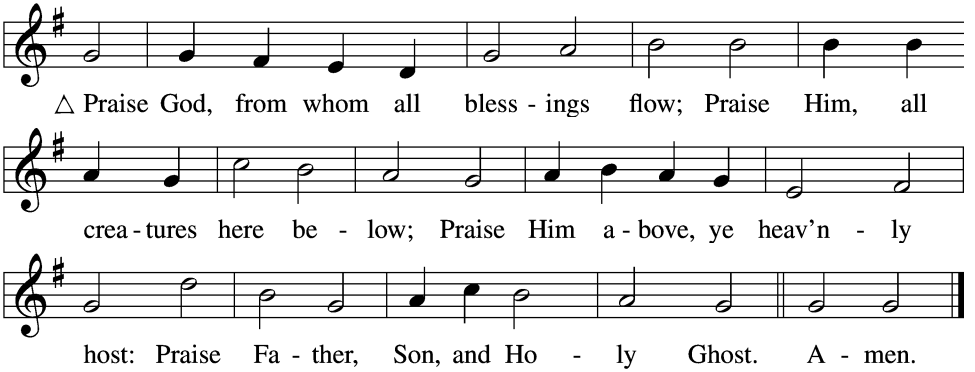
POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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.

C **Amen.**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW



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BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

℗ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
℃ and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

℗ Bless the LORD, O my soul,
℃ and forget not all His benefits,

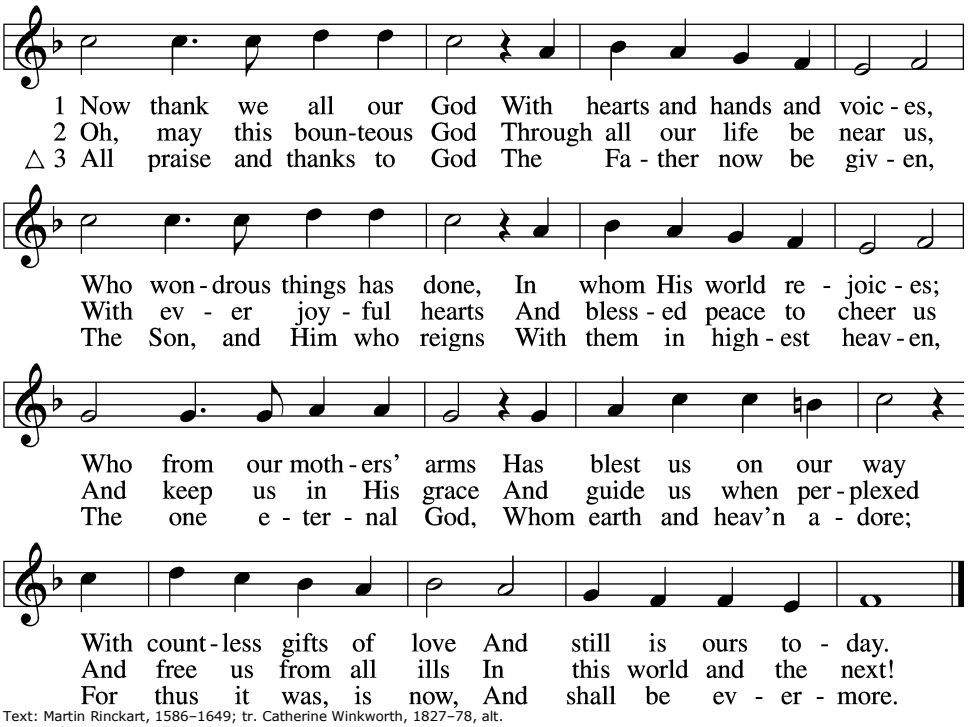
℗ who forgives all your iniquity,
℃ who heals all your diseases,

℗ who redeems your life from the pit,
℃ who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

℗ who satisfies you with good! Let us bless the Lord!
℃ Thanks be to God!

℗ 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.
℃ Amen.

HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" ***LSB 895***



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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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