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## THE COMMON SERVICE

## Hymn ----- Evening and Morning

CW 430

1. Evening and morning,

Sunset and dawning,

Wealth, peace, and gladness,

Comfort in sadness;

These are your works and bring glory to you.

Times without number,

We wake or we slumber,

Your eye observes us,

From danger preserves us,

Shining upon us a love that is true.

2. Father, oh, hear me,

Pardon and spare me;

Calm all my terrors,

Blot out my errors

That by your eyes they may no more be scanned.

Order my goings;

Direct all my doings.

As best it may be,

Retain or release me:

All I commit to your fatherly hand.

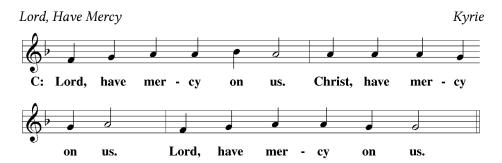
Stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son  $\dagger$  and of the Holy Spirit.



#### CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson ------ Exodus 34:5-9

The LORD came down in the cloud. He took his stand there with Moses and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed: "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and overflowing with mercy and truth, maintaining mercy for thousands, forgiving guilt and rebellion and sin. He will by no means clear the guilty. He calls their children and their children's chil-

dren to account for the guilt of the fathers, even to the third and the fourth generation."

Moses quickly bowed to the ground and worshipped. He said, "If I have now found favor in your sight, Lord, please let the Lord go along with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our guilt and our sin, and accept us as your possession."

Refrain

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

If the Lord had not been on our side—let <u>Is</u>rael say—
if the LORD had not been on our side when men at<u>tacked</u> us,
when their anger flared against us,
they would have swallowed us alive;

the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,
the raging waters
would have swept us away.

Refrain

Praise be <u>to</u> the LORD,

who has not let us be torn <u>by</u> their teeth.

We have escaped <u>like</u> a bird

out of the fowler's snare;

the snare has been <u>bro</u>ken,
and we <u>have</u> escaped.

Our help is in the name <u>of</u> the LORD,
the Maker of heav<u>en</u> and earth.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\*
and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it,
as it was in the beg<u>in</u>ning,\*
is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

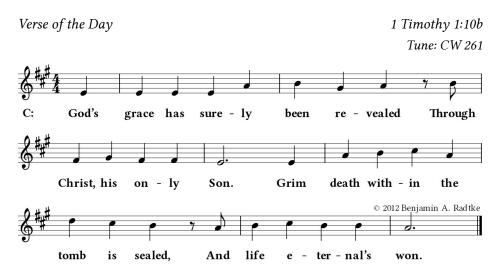
Refrain

### Second Lesson ------ Romans 10:5-13

Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: "The one who
does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: "Do
not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into
heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who
will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring
Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?
"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your
heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. Certainly, if you confess with your
mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart

that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



Stand.



After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



When he got into a boat, his disciples followed him. Suddenly a terrible storm came up on the sea, so that their boat was covered by the waves. But Jesus was sleeping. They went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to die!"

He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the wind and the sea, and there was a complete calm.

The men were amazed, saying, "What kind of a man is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ------ Jesus Savior Pilot Me

Jesus, Savior, pilot me
 Over life's tempestuous sea;
 Unknown waves before me roll,
 Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
 Chart and compass come from thee:
 Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

- As a mother stills her child,
   Thou canst hush the ocean wild.
   Boist'rous waves obey thy will
   When thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
   Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,
   Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 3. When at last I near the shore
  And the fearful breakers roar
  'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
  Then, while leaning on thy breast,
  May I hear thee say to me,
  "Fear not! I will pilot thee."

Sermon ------ Matthew 8:23-27

What Kind of Man Is This?

Stand.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:



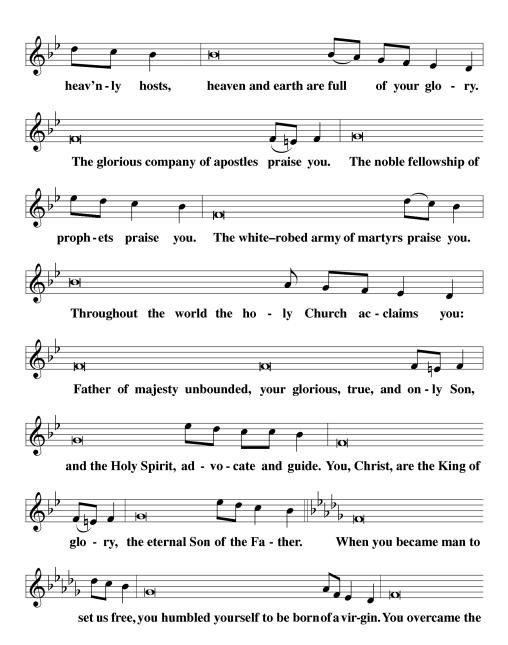
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev-er-last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of





Prayer of the Church

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

of the Gospel here and around the world.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

- M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.
- M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.
- C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.
- M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.
- M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.
- C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.
- M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.
- C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.
- C: Amen.

## 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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



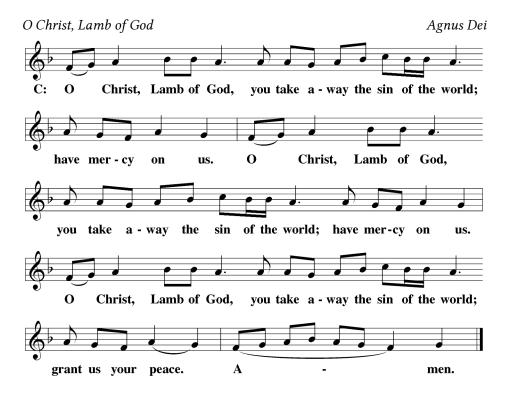
## Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Be seated.

#### DISTRIBUTION

In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.

During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:

# Hymn ----- Salvation Unto Us Has Come CW 390

- Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor.
   Good works cannot avert our doom; They help and save us never.
   Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
   He is the one Redeemer.
- What God does in his law demand And none to him can render, Brings wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender. Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the law requires, And lost is our condition.
- It is a false, misleading dream That God his law has given
   That sinners can themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
   The law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
   That lurks within our nature.
- 4. Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing, Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing. He has for us the law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.
- 5. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed, For you have paid my ransom.

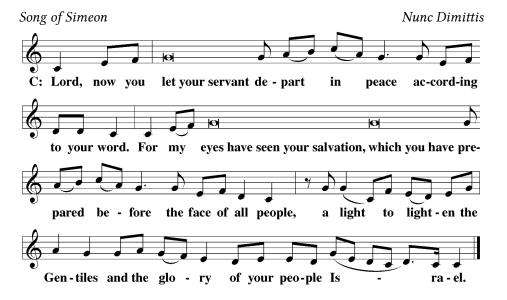
6. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by his grace-All glory to his merit! O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love; Your blessed name be hallowed!

# Hymn ----- Sent Forth by God's Blessing

CW 318

- 1. Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
  The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
  The supper is ended; Oh, be now extended
  The fruits of this service in all who believe.
  The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
  Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
  His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us
  To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.
- With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever-living,
   The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
   Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
   Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
   With your feast you feed us;
   With your light now lead us;
   Unite us as one in this life that we share.
   Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
   Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



Be seated.

Hymn ----- My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CW 382

1. My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare to make no other claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

- 2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.

  \*Refrain\*
- 3. His oath, his covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood; When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
- 4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,

Oh, may I then in him be found,

Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne. *Refrain* 



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