

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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THE COMMON SERVICE

Hymn ----- Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

CW 283

1. Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning, As a servant to his lord.
Let me show respect and honor To your holy, precious Word,
That each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow you.
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure
And my heart's most precious treasure.
2. Oh, what blessing to be near you And to listen to your voice!
Let me ever love and fear you; Let your Word still be my choice.
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at your Word,
But to all who feel sin's burden You give peace and words of pardon.
3. Lord, your words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty needs.
Lord, your words are bread life-giving; On your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, your words will be my light Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.
4. As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.

Stand.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † 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.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the C: part, with lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy'. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.'.

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.

C: A - men.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one sharp). The melody for the C: part is 'A - men.'.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Venite

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of
our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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 ----- Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house.
She has carved out her seven pillars.
She has prepared her meat.
She has mixed her wine.
She has already set her table.
She has sent out her servant girls.
She calls from the highest point in the city,

“Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here.”
To someone who lacks sense she says,
“Come, eat my food,
and drink the wine that I have mixed.
Abandon your naïve ways and live.
Travel the road to understanding.”

Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 1

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Refrain

Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Blessed is the man

who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment*,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous*,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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.

Refrain

Second Lesson ----- Ephesians 5:15–20

Consider carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise people, but as wise people. Make the most of your time, because the days are evil. For

this reason, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk on wine, which causes you to lose control. Instead, be

filled with the Spirit by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord),

by always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day

Hebrews 4:12

Tune: CW 261

C: A - live and ac - tive is God's Word A
sharp - ened, two - edged blade. It ev - en cuts through
thoughts un - heard And plans that we have made.

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Stand.

Gospel ----- John 6:51-58

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

At that, the Jews argued among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

So Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day. For my flesh is real food, and my

blood is real drink. The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live

because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like your fathers ate and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

CW 185

1. O Holy Spirit, grant us grace
That we our Lord and Savior
In faith and fervent love embrace
And truly serve him ever,
So that when death is near at hand
We at his cross may firmly stand
And there find our salvation.
2. Help us that we your saving Word
In faithful hearts may treasure;
Let e'er that bread of life afford
New grace in richest measure.
Make us to die to ev'ry sin;
Each day create us new within
That fruits of faith may flourish.

3. Then when our earthly race is run,
Death's bitter hour impending,
May your good work in us begun
Continue till life's ending,
Until we gladly may commend
Our souls into our Savior's hand
To rest in peace eternal.

Sermon ----- Ephesians 5:15-20

Walk Wisely because the Days are Evil

Stand.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

We Praise You, O God

Te Deum

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

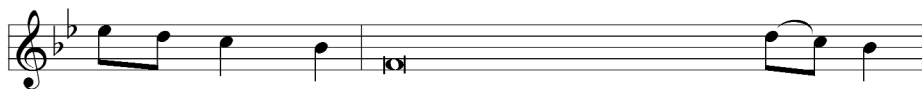
Fa-ther ev - er-last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,

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

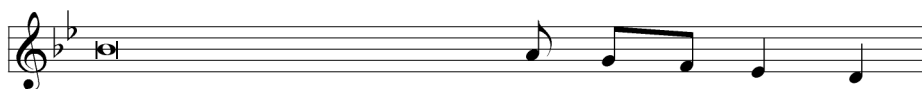
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph-ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.



Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



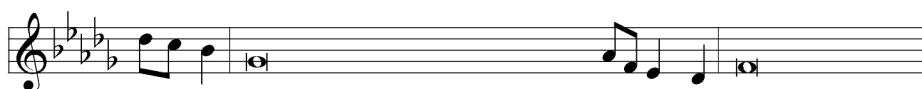
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



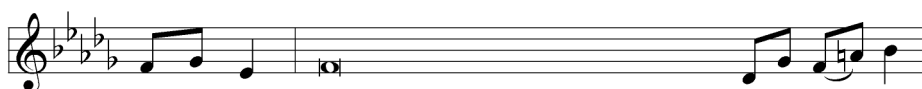
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir-gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be-liev - ers.



You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated.

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

*The minister offers the petitions and the congregation responds with “**hear our prayer.**”*

M: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

M: Father, we thank You that You have sent the great Good Shepherd who has compassion on His flock. In His name, we lift up our prayers for the family of God; for every nation, tribe, people and language; and for all those who hunger for the true bread of life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

- M: Grant us always, O God, to work for the food that endures to eternal life. Bless the ministry of this congregation in our community, that many may embrace Jesus as the Christ and believe that He is the true bread of God who has come from heaven. Grant that we would never hunger or thirst for anything but Christ and His righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: O Lord, our God, we pray for Your blessing upon all homes and schools, especially the schools, universities and seminary of our church. Bless all places where Your people gather to teach and learn Your Word, and help us to remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Almighty God, You place men in positions of authority for the sake of order. Grant wisdom to Joseph Biden, our president; Michael Parson, our governor; our judges; those in law enforcement; and all who hold offices of public trust in our land, that they might not act for selfish gain but serve according to Your will for the benefit of all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Bestow Your power of healing upon the sick, [*especially* _____,] that in accordance with Your will, they may give thanks to Your name. Give Your Spirit of hope to the depressed, the lonely and those who mourn the death of loved ones [*especially* _____]. Strengthen their faith and assure them of Your presence in all circumstances. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
- M: Holy Father, Your Son assures us that His flesh is true food and His blood true drink, and that those who feed on Him will live forever because of Him. By Your Spirit, prepare our hearts to welcome Him as He comes to us in this Holy Supper, that we may rejoice in His promises and depart in His peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



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.



O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei





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 ----- Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

CW 313

1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;
By his bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.
2. As his pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,
Gives his body with the bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
3. Jesus here himself is sharing; Take heed how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe, Judgment instead you shall receive.
4. Useless would be Jesus' passion If salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose You need not him who died and rose.
5. Christ says, "Come, all you that labor, And receive my grace and favor;
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill."

6. Then hold fast with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken
By the souls who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
7. Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given
And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.
8. If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,
Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.

Hymn ----- O Lord, We Praise You

CW 317

1. O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
In thanksgiving bow before you.
Here with your body and your blood you nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And your blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
2. Your holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to you could bind us;
May this feast of that remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, your love and kindness did move you;
Let your supper move us to love you.
All our debt you have paid;
Peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mercy!

3. May God bestow on us his grace and favor
 To please him with our behavior
 And live together here in love and union,
 Cherishing our blest communion. O Lord, have mercy!
 Let not your good Spirit forsake us;
 Grant that heav'nly-minded he make us.
 Give your Church, Lord, to see
 Days of peace and unity. O Lord, have mercy!

After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:

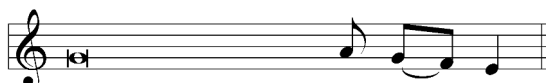
Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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 ----- Go, My Children, with My Blessing

CW 332

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
 In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
 Go, my children, with my blessing-You are my own.
2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
 Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
 Here you heard my dear Son's story;
 Here you touched him, saw his glory.
 Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
4. I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.



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