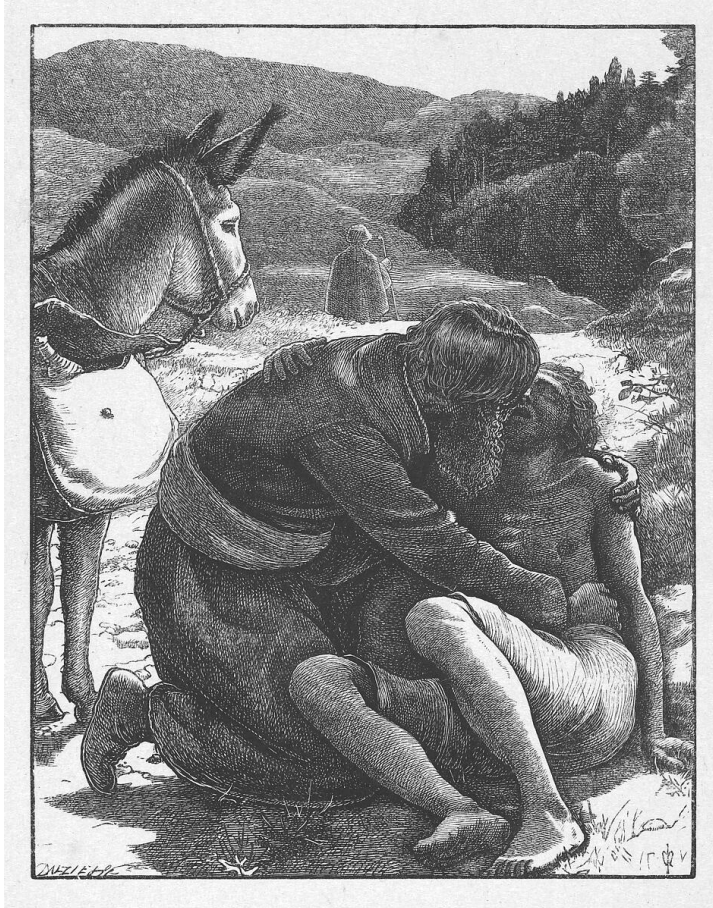


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THE COMMON SERVICE

Hymn ----- Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus

CW 348

1. Jesus, Jesus, only Jesus Can my heartfelt longing still.
Lo, I pledge myself to Jesus, What he wills alone to will,
For my heart, which he hath filled, Ever cries, "Lord, as thou wilt."
2. One there is for whom I'm living, Whom I love most tenderly;
Unto Jesus I am giving What in love he gave to me.
Jesus' blood hides all my guilt-Lord, oh, lead me as thou wilt.
3. What to me may seem a treasure But displeasing is to thee-
Oh, remove such harmful pleasure; Give instead what profits me.
Let my heart by thee be stilled; Make me thine, Lord, as thou wilt.
4. Let me earnestly endeavor Thy good pleasure to fulfill;
In me, through me, with me ever, Lord, accomplish thou thy will.
In thy holy image built, Let me die, Lord, as thou wilt.
5. Jesus, constant be my praises, For thou unto me didst bring
Thine own self and all thy graces That I joyfully may sing:
Be it unto me, my Shield, As thou wilt, Lord, as thou wilt.

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 C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 C major. The melody for the word 'Amen' is written above the staff, and the lyrics are written below the staff.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

Glory be to God

Gloria in Excelsis



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



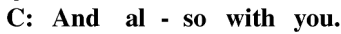
God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,



M: The Lord be with you.



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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

When you reap the harvest from your land, you are not to finish reaping all the way to the edge of the field. Do not gather up the gleanings of your harvest. Do not strip your vineyard clean, and do not pick up the fallen grapes from your vineyard, but leave them for the poor and the alien who live with you. I am the LORD your God.

You shall not steal. You shall not swindle.
You shall not lie to one another. You shall not
swear falsely by my name so that you do not pro-
fane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

You shall not exploit your neighbor. You shall not rob him. You shall not keep the wages of a day laborer with you overnight until morning.

You shall not curse a deaf person, nor shall you put an obstacle in front of a blind person, but you must fear your God. I am the LORD.

You shall not act unjustly in court cases. Do not show favoritism to a poor person, and do not show undue honor to an important person. You must judge your fellow citizens with justice.

You shall not go around spreading slander among your people. You shall not testify falsely

against your neighbor in a capital case. I am the LORD.

You shall not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. You must openly rebuke your fellow citizen so that you do not become responsible for his sin. You must not take revenge. You must not bear a grudge against the members of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 133–134

CW p.115

Refrain

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

How good and pleasant it is*
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
even life forevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD*
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*
bless you from Zion.

**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 ----- Galatians 3:15–22

Brothers, I am speaking in human terms. When someone has established a last will and testament, no one nullifies it or adds to it. The promises God spoke referred to Abraham and to his seed. It doesn't say, "And to seeds," as if it were referring to many, but, as referring to one, "And to your seed," who is Christ. What I am saying is this: The law, which came into being 430 years after the covenant established earlier by God in Christ, does not annul that covenant, with the result that it invalidates the promise. In fact, if the inheritance is by the law, it is no longer by the promise. But God graciously gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Then what about the law? It was added for

the purpose of revealing transgressions, until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. It was transmitted through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not needed for one party, but God is one.

Then is the law against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given that could give life, certainly righteousness would have been derived from the law. But Scripture imprisoned all things under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ would be given to those who believe.

Verse of the Day

1 John 4:11

M: Alleluia. Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another. Alleluia.



Stand.

Gospel ----- Luke 10:23–37

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Turning to the disciples, he said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! In-

deed, I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see the things that you are seeing, yet

did not see them, and to hear the things that you are hearing, yet did not hear them.”

Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the law?” he asked him. “What do you read there?”

He replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself.”

He said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. It just so happened that a priest

was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.’ Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?”

“The one who showed mercy to him,” he replied.

Then Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and be-

came fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me

CW 479

1. Jesus, your boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue declare.
Dwell in my heart eternally, And reign without a rival there.
To you alone, dear Lord, I live; Myself to you, dear Lord, I give.
2. Oh, grant that nothing in my soul May dwell but your pure love alone;
Oh, may your love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
3. This love unwearied I pursue And dauntlessly to you aspire.
Oh, may your love my hope renew, Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night be all my care To guard this sacred treasure there.
4. In suff'ring be your love my peace; In weakness be your love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour
Be then my rod and staff and guide And draw me safely to your side.

Sermon ----- Luke 10:23-37

What Must I Do to Live?

Stand.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

CW 272

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Be seated.

Offering

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of the Gospel here and around the world.

Rite of Dedication for a Newly Renovated Floor

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, this church has been set apart for the worship of the almighty God and for the building up of the body of Christ. Our prayers rise to the throne of God our Father through the intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We, the members of Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church dedicate once again this building, with its newly renovated floor, to the glory, honor, and worship of God, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Let this be a place for the gathering of the people of God, a place for proclaiming the gospel through Word and sacrament, a place for bringing life, comfort, and hope to us and to this community.

Let us pray.

Most High God, the heavens cannot contain you, yet you are willing to make your home in human hearts. We give you thanks for the time, talents, and offerings of those who have performed and supported the work on this house of prayer to your glory. May this building resonate with the praises of your people. May it be filled with the footsteps of those who are led by the Holy Spirit to come to you. May all who gather here be filled with your joy and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

*The minister offers the petitions and the congregation joins 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: Heavenly Father, Your Son has triumphed by His cross. Give grace to Your Church to proclaim His victory throughout the world — the victory of the

love that hate could not destroy, and the life that death could not overcome.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: O God, You gave the old covenant through angels to train Israel in Your Law. Bless the ministers of Your new covenant to proclaim forgiveness, life and salvation to all nations in the stead and by the command of Christ.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord, enable every Christian to learn Your Word and teach the faith to family and children. Give them boldness to speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all those within their acquaintance and care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord and King, You appoint our earthly rulers to urge the good and punish the wicked. Grant both justice and restraint in their punishments, that goodness and grace may be established in our land. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Father, into Your loving hands we commend those who have requested our intercession [*especially* _____]. Lead them out of all their troubles.
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord of hosts, You have instituted and given Your Sacrament for the faithful to receive the very body and blood of Your Son for their forgiveness, life and salvation. Grant us all pure hearts to receive this gift worthily. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord of all living, receive our thanksgiving for Your saints who now see You face to face [*especially* _____]. Bless us with faith like theirs to hear Your proclamation now and persevere until we also stand with them before Your face. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have granted us to live in this accepted time when we may hear Your holy Gospel, know Your fatherly will and behold Your Son, Jesus Christ! We implore You, most merci-

ful Father, let the light of Your Word remain with us and so govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may never forsake Your Word, but remain steadfast in it and, finally, obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same 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 -

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

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."

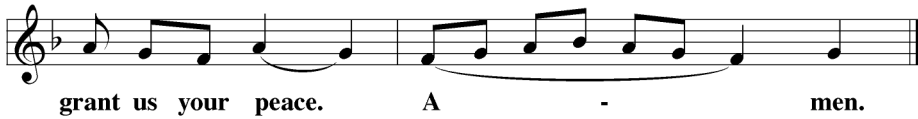
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



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 hymn:

Hymn ----- Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
CW 311

1. Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
2. Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.
3. He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.

4. Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.
5. Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless
 Since the souls it feeds are countless,
And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.
6. Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.
7. Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring-
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.
8. Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me
 As your guest in heav'n receive me.

After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:

Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis



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.

C: A - men.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated.

Hymn ----- Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

CW 452

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.
2. Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heav'nly joy,
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.
3. Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.
4. Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our head.
We are truly thine own members; Where thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.

