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THE COMMON SERVICE

Hymn ---------- In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust

CW 448

1. **In you, O Lord, I put my trust-**
   Leave me not helpless in the dust;
   Let me not be confounded.
   My faith, O Lord, Must in your Word
   Be always firmly grounded.

2. **Oh, listen, Lord, most graciously,**
   And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea;
   Make haste for my protection,
   For woes and fear Surround me here.
   Help me in my affliction.
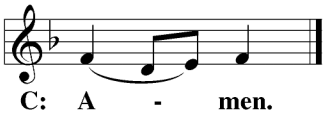
3. **You are my strength, my shield, my rock,**
   My fortress that withstands each shock,
   My help, my life, my tower,
   My battle sword, Almighty Lord-
   What can resist your power?

4. **With you, O Lord, I cast my lot;**
   O faithful God, forsake me not,
   To you my soul commending.
   Lord, be my stay, And lead the way
   Now and when life is ending.

5. **All honor, praise, and majesty**
   To Father, Son, and Spirit be,
   Our God forever glorious,
   In whose rich grace We run our race
   Till we depart victorious.

Stand.

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

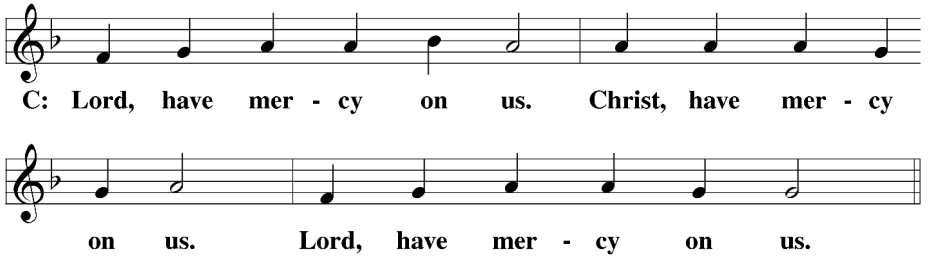


CONFESSION OF SINS
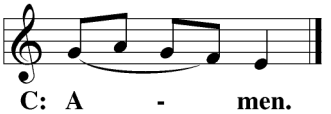
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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*
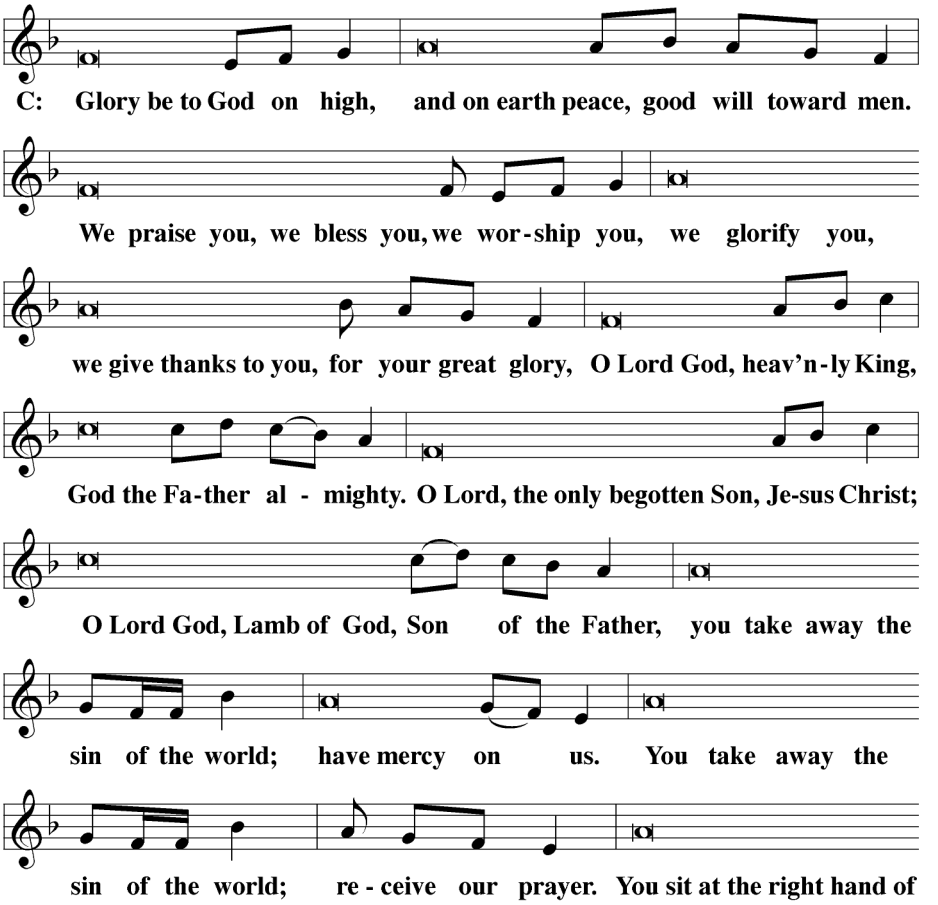


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
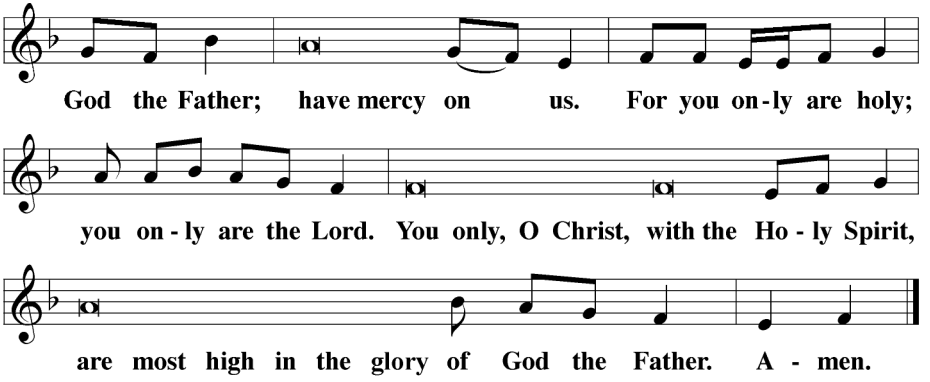


PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
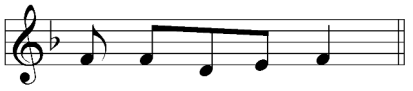
Glory be to God *Gloria in Excelsis*





Prayer of the Day
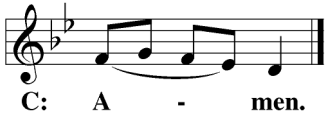
M: The Lord be with you.



Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they may lay hold of your gracious promises by faith and in their lives bring forth abundant fruit; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated.

First Lesson ---------- **Isaiah 51:9–16**

Wake up! Wake up!
Clothe yourself with strength, you arm of the
LORD!
Awake as in days of old,
as in generations of long ago.
Was it not you who cut Rahab to pieces,
and who pierced the sea monster?
Was it not you who dried up the sea,
the waters of the great deep,
and who made a road through the depths of the
sea
for the redeemed to cross over?
Then those ransomed by the LORD will return.
They will enter Zion with a joyful shout,
and everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Happiness and joy will overtake them.
Sorrow and sighing will flee away.

I, even I, am the one who comforts you.
Who are you, Zion, that you fear humans, who
die,
or a child of Adam, who passes away like grass?
You have forgotten the LORD, your Creator,
who stretches out the heavens,
who makes the earth stand firm.

You tremble continually all day,
because of the rage of the oppressor,
who is preparing to destroy.
But where is the rage of the oppressor now?
The prisoner will soon be released.
He will not die and go to the pit,
and he will not lack bread.

I am the LORD your God,
who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar.
The LORD of Armies is his name!
I have placed my words in your mouth,
and with the shadow of my hand I have covered
you—
I, who planted the heavens and laid the founda-
tions of the earth,
I, who say to Zion, "You are my people."

Anthem ---------- **Forever with the Lord**

Children's Choir

CW 213

1. **Forever with the Lord! Amen! So let it be.**
   Life from the dead is in that word, My immortality.

4. **Lord, be at my right hand, Then can I never fail.**
   If you uphold me, I shall stand; With you I shall prevail.

6. **I'll know as I am known; How shall I love that word**
   And oft repeat before the throne, "Forever with the Lord!"

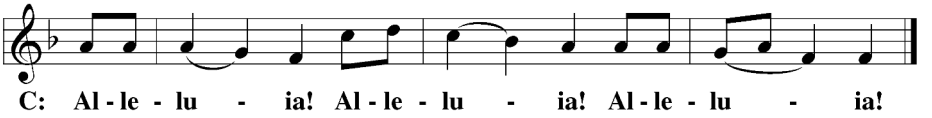
Second Lesson ---------- **Colossians 1:9–14**

For this reason, from the day we heard about your love, we also have not stopped praying for you. We keep asking that you would be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that you might live in a way that is worthy of the Lord. Our goal is that you please him by bearing fruit in every kind of good work and by growing in the knowledge of God, as you are being strengthened with all power because of his glorious might working in you. Then you will have complete endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

The Father rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Verse of the Day *Revelation 1:17,18*
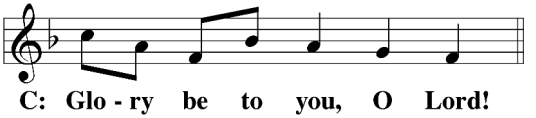
M: Alleluia. Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last—the Living One. I was dead and, see, I am alive forever and ever! I also hold the keys of death and hell. Alleluia.



Stand.

Gospel ---------- **Matthew 9:18–26**

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



As he was saying these things to them, there was a ruler who came, bowed down to him, and said, "My daughter has just died. But come, place your hand on her, and she will live."

Jesus got up and followed him, as did his disciples. Just then, a woman who had been suffering from chronic bleeding for twelve years came up from behind and touched the fringe of his garment. For she had been saying to herself, "If I just touch his garment, I will be healed."

When Jesus turned around and saw her, he said, "Take heart, daughter! Your faith has healed
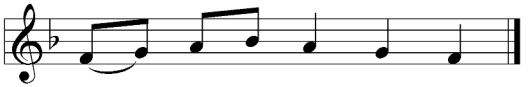
you." And the woman was healed from that moment.

When Jesus came into the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, he said to them, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but is sleeping."

But they laughed at him.

When the crowd was sent out of the house, Jesus went in, took the girl by the hand, and she was raised. News of this went out through the entire region.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ---------- **I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone**

CW 437

1. **I trust, O Christ, in you alone; No earthly hope avails me.**
   You will not see me overthrown When Satan's host assails me.
   No human strength, no earthly pow'r Can see me through the evil hour,
   For you alone my strength renew. I cry to you!
   I trust, O Lord, your promise true.

2. **My sin and guilt are plaguing me; Oh, grant me true contrition**
   And by your death upon the tree Your pardon and remission.
   Before the Father's throne above Recall your matchless deed of love
   That he may lift my dreadful load, O Son of God!
   I plead the grace your death bestowed.
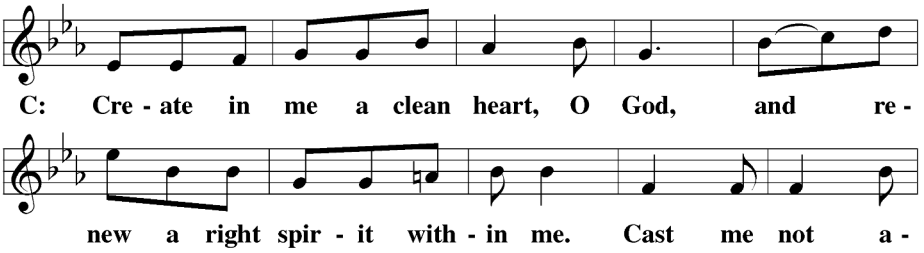
3. **Confirm in us your gospel, Lord, Your promise of salvation.**
   And make us keen to hear your Word And follow our vocation:
   To spend our lives in love for you, To bear each other's burdens, too.
   And then, at last, when death shall loom, O Savior, come
   And bear your loved ones safely home.
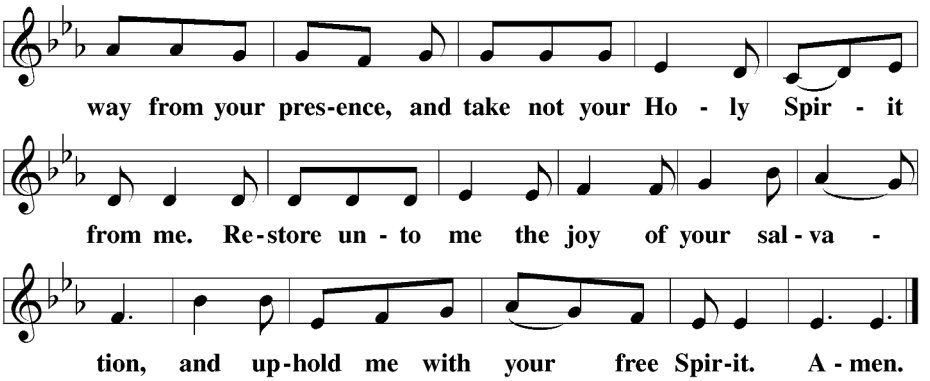
Sermon ---------- **Matthew 9:18–26**

Faith in the One for Whom It Is Possible

Stand.

After the sermon, the congregation sings:





Be seated.

Offering

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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: Awake, O Lord, and heal the wounds of Your people. Strengthen those You have redeemed, that they may lead worthy and fruitful lives in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord of the churches, You promise to tend Your congregations like lampstands around Your altar. Illumine them by Your Holy Spirit to show forth Your Gospel in the present darkness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, by Your Word and promise You have made us Your people. Give to Your Church faithful pastors who preach the whole counsel of Your Word. Bless Mark Schroeder, our Synod president; Dennis Klatt, our district president; our pastor; and all who serve in the Office of the Holy Ministry, that they may proclaim the saving Gospel with boldness and joy. Lord, in

Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord God, You give us the gift of each other. Renew our fellowship as the Body of Christ. Grant all things beneficial for husbands and wives, the single, those who desire marriage, and the lonely who yearn to know the comfort of friends and family. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: King of kings, raise up godly and humble rulers in our land. Teach Your people to honor them while reserving all fear for Your Christ, who has made us and accomplished our redemption. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Father in heaven, remember in kindness all who cry out to You in affliction *[especially _____]*. Grant that they would rejoice in Your faithfulness and await deliverance from their suffering with patience. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Gracious God, grant us such trust in Your divine Word that we would acknowledge Your Son's true body and blood in His Supper and receive them in a worthy manner. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: Gracious Lord, we know that neither life nor death can separate us from Your love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We thank You for all who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and we ask You to grant us also our inheritance with the saints in light. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

M: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: **Amen.**
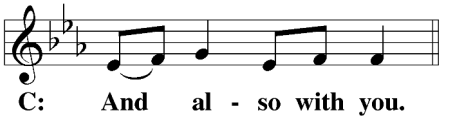
Lord's Prayer

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**
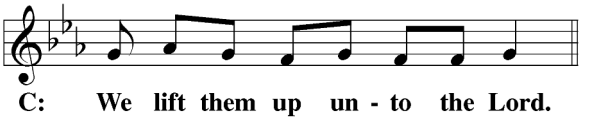
daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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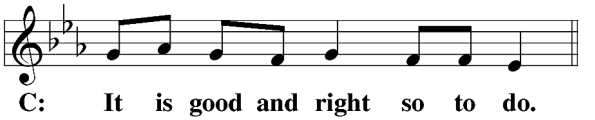
M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



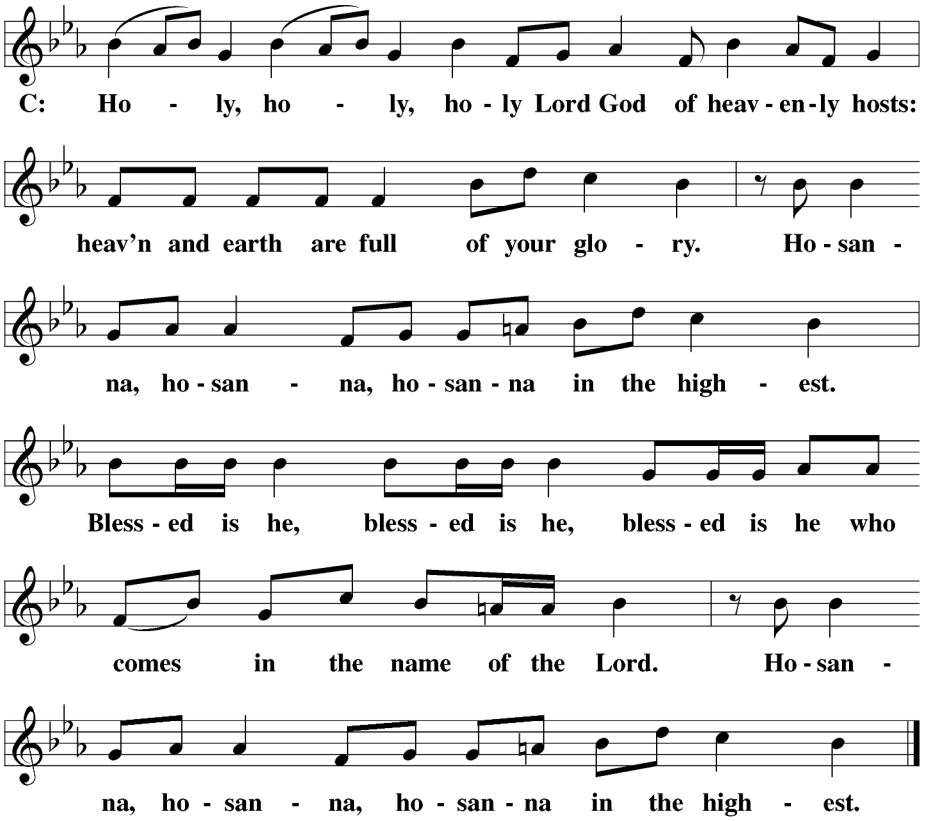
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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 preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to 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*
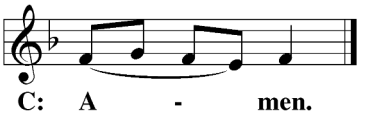


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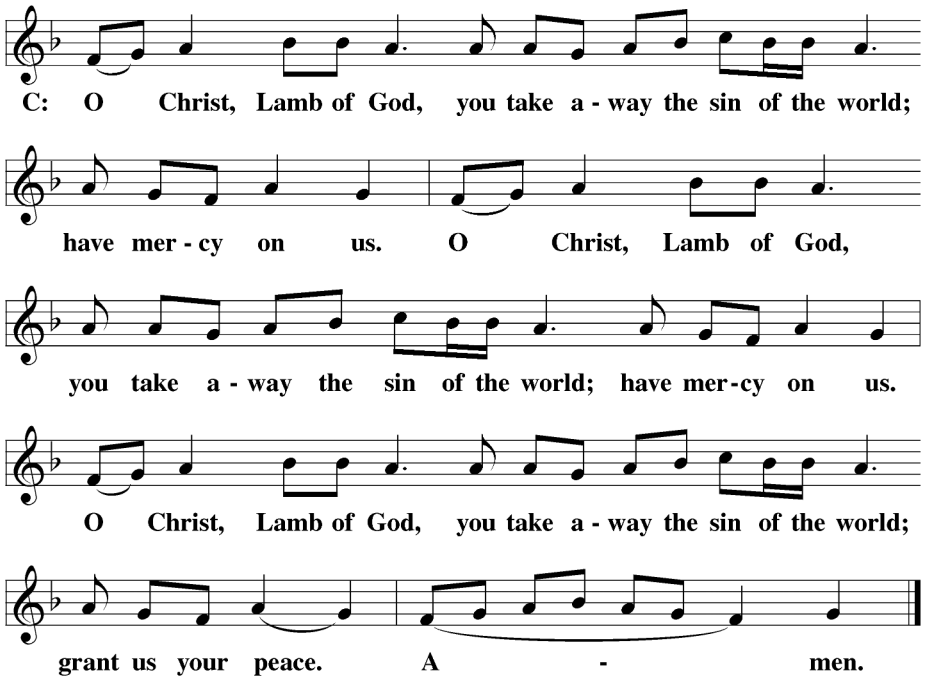
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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 ---------- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

CW 361

1. **Let all mortal flesh keep silence**
   And with fear and trembling stand;
   Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
   For with blessing in his hand
   Christ, our God, to earth descending,
   Comes our homage to command.

2. **King of kings, yet born of Mary,**
   As of old on earth he stood,
   Lord of lords in human likeness,
   In the body and the blood
   He will give to all the faithful
   His own self for heav'nly food.

3. **Rank on rank the host of heaven**
   Spread its vanguard on the way
   As the Light from Light, descending
   From the realms of endless day,
   Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
   As the darkness clears away.

4. **At his feet the six-winged seraph,**
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Hymn ---------- Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest

CW 362

1. **Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior blest, My Hope and my Salvation!**
Lord, hear my plea: Deliver me From misery!
Your Word brings consolation.

2. **Lord, as you will, So lead me still; Your mercy fails me never.**
My God, I pray: Teach me your way To my last day;
From evil keep me ever.

3. **I have your Word, Christ Jesus, Lord: You never will forsake me!**
This will I plead In time of need. Oh, help with speed
When troubles overtake me!

4. **Now henceforth must I put my trust In you, O dearest Savior.**
Your gracious choice, Your Word and voice, Make me rejoice
Though sinful my behavior.

5. **Grant, Lord, I pray, Your grace each day, That I, your name revering,**
Your glory see And happy be Eternally,
Before your throne appearing.

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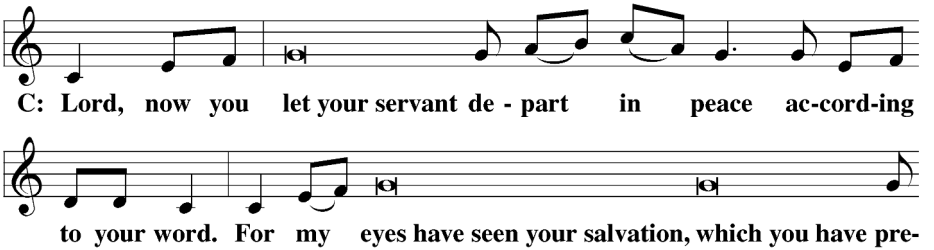
2. **When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;**
   In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.
   Refrain

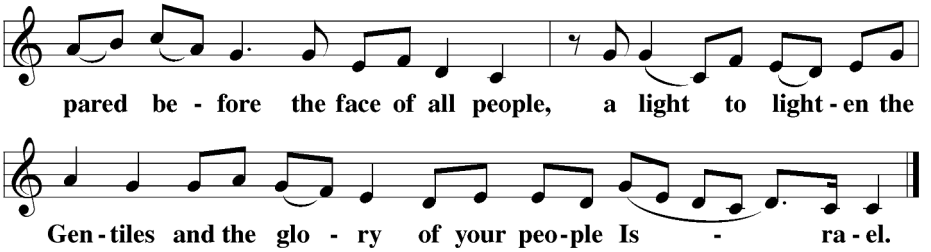
3. **His oath, his covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;**
   When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
   Refrain

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

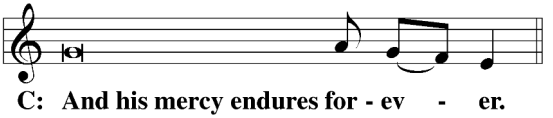
After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:

Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*
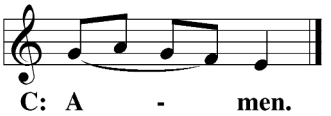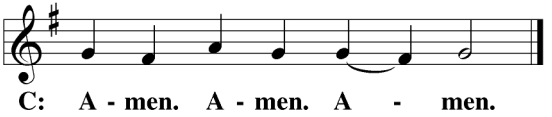




M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



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 ---------- I Walk in Danger All the Way

CW 431

1. **I walk in danger all the way; The thought shall never leave me**
   That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me.
   This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares
   If e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.

2. **I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending;**
   In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending.
   Oft in adversity I know not where to flee
   When storms of woe my soul dismay; I pass through trials all the way.

3. **Grim death pursues me all the way; Nowhere I rest securely.**
   He comes by night, he comes by day, And takes his prey most surely.
   A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie
   To face eternity today. Grim death pursues me all the way.

4. **I walk with angels all the way; They shield me and befriend me.**
   All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me.
   They are my sure defense; All fear and sorrow, hence!
   Unharmed by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.

5. **I walk with Jesus all the way; His guidance never fails me.**
   He takes my ev'ry fear away When Satan's pow'r assails me,
   And, by his footsteps led, My path I safely tread.
   In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.

6. **My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow,**
   When you farewell can gladly say To all your sin and sorrow.
   All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on.
   For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.

WELS
Christ's Love, Our Calling.