Explanation of the Week – Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity: The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to trap Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to "trap" them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt 22:34-46). The Law requires you to "fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul" and to "love the stranger" (Deut 10:12-21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor 1:1-9). Jesus is David's Son yet David's Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God's Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law's condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel's forgiveness. Thereby we see that "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Notes on the Order of the Service: The notes on the various parts of the service are taken from a 19th century Lutheran Pastor named J.K. Wilhelm Loehe. Loehe was a pastor in Germany who trained and sent many men who came to America and were then called and ordained in the early Missouri Synod. He was a prolific author and a renowned preacher. The notes that appear in our bulletin are taken from his book, "Liturgy for Christian Congregations of the Lutheran Faith." In that book he beautifully describes the logic of the order of the Divine Service, comparing it to a hike up a mountain with two peaks: The Word and Sacrament. May Loehe's comments serve as a sort of hiking guide for you today, as we journey together.

+ Kids in the Divine Service +

<u>Parents with children ages 2-10</u>: Please be sure to pick up the children's bulletin called "Lessons for Lambs." Help your children learn to participate in hearing God's Word by giving them questions to listen for in the service:

- 1. What does Jesus say the great commandment is? What is the 2nd great commandment?
- 2. Can we keep these commandments perfectly?

You can also help them to join in the worship of our Triune God by encouraging them to find the hymns for you in the hymnal, to point to the words as you sing, and to sing and confess the potions of the liturgy that are repeated each week (called the "Ordinaries"). The Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei are almost always sung in our service. One of the benefits of our liturgical service is the mixture of repetition and variety. The repetition is a great aid for all ages and especially children as they learn these songs by heart.

BELL RINGS

DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three, LSB pgs. 184-202

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN ~ "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" ~ #648

1 Glo - rious things of spo - ken, you are Zi on. cit -У 2 See, liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing the streams of from е hab - i - ta - tion 3 Round each hov - 'ring, See the cloud and Zi - on's 4 Sav - ior. since of cit - y Ι through grace а of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you sup - ply your sons and daugh-ters ter - nal love, Well And all cov - 'ring, glo - ry Show - ing fire ap - pear For and a а mem-ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit у, Τ will for His own a the Rock ges found-ed. bode. On of Α -Who can faint while such fear of want re move. riv - er a that the Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner Lord is near. the world's vain plea-sures, glo - rv in Your name. Fad - ing are What can re - pose? shake your sure With sal va - tion's Ev will their thirst as - suage? Grace. which like the - er Light by night and shade by day. Safe feed they up their and show; All boast - ed pomp Sol id joys and walls sur-round - ed, You smile all foes. at your may Lord, the giv - er, Nev er fails from age to age. Which the man - na God gives them on on their way. chil - dren last - ing trea - sures None but Zi _ on's know.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Christian desires to draw near to God in humble, acceptable worship. He comes, in company with his fellow Christians, from the conflicts of the past week, bearing on his heart the burdens of many defeats and the joys of few victories. But how shall he approach his God who dwells in unapproachable light? First of all he must be pardoned of his sins, and be made sensible of such pardon.

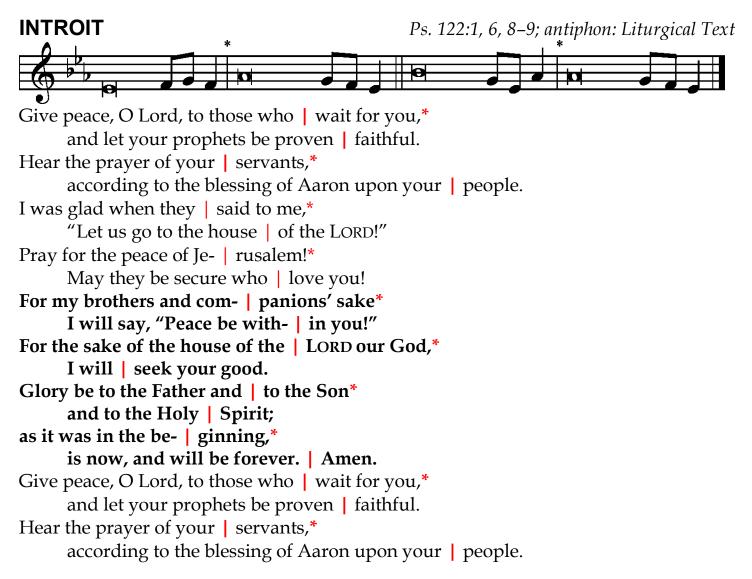
The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

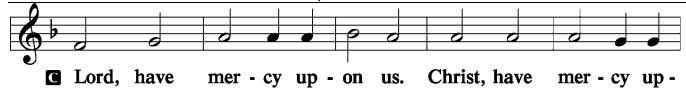
SERVICE OF THE WORD

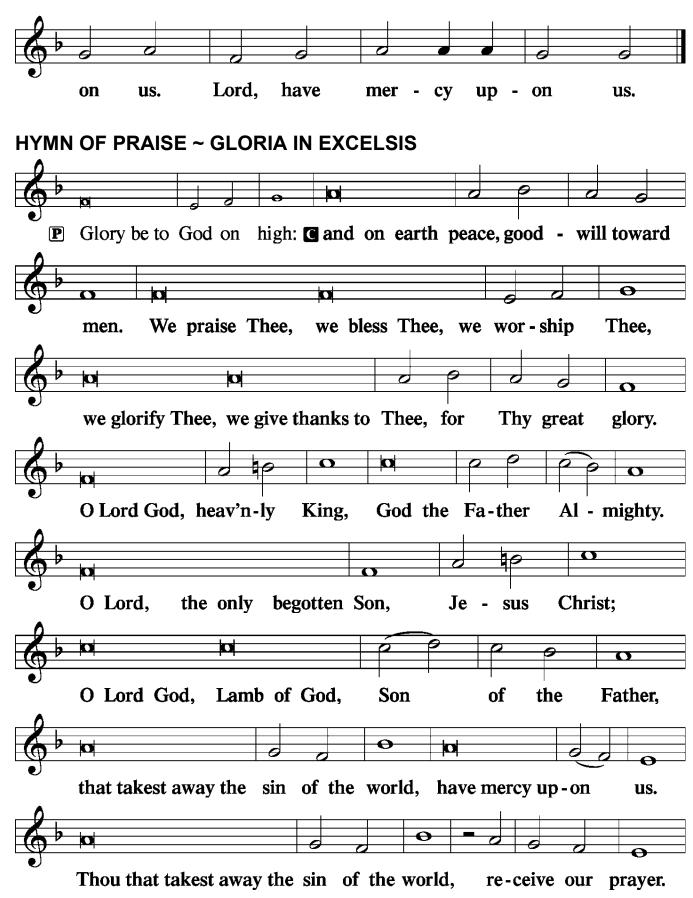


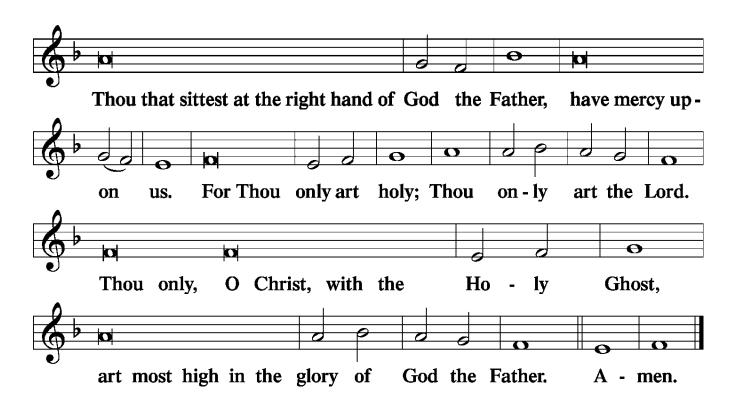
KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

Being cleansed from sin, and having entered the peculiar joys of the particular festival, the worshiper finds that earth has still other burdens and sorrows which prove a present and future hindrance to holiness. Therefore the Kyrie, comprehending, in spite of its brevity, a prayer for temporal and eternal deliverance, comes next in the Order.







SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

Once more therefore, the congregation frames all its needs into a single petition, and unitedly presents it to the Throne in the Collect; and in clear comprehension of the common need of all, the people answer with a believing Amen.



O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Up to the this point the Lord has been silent, but NOW he speaks, and it becomes all flesh to be silent before him. He grants the people the grace of his Word, but first in the [Prophetic] and Apostolic writings. For this grace the people express their praise in the Hallelujah.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 10:12-21

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge – even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



But the Lord speaks again. This time ipsissima verba (his very words) in the Gospel. The Holy One is coming ever nearer to his own, and they answer him with a joyful Laus Tibi, Christe (Praise to you O Christ!)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
- C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

They said to him, "The son of David."

He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'? If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?"

And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

The hearts of the people are full of faith through the power of the Gospel. The worship has developed to that point in which the congregation is now conscious of its union with the Lord (He is among us!), which it expresses in the Credo. No more the burdens of sin, no more the fear of evil, no more the sighs of longing, but joyful confidence fills every soul.

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

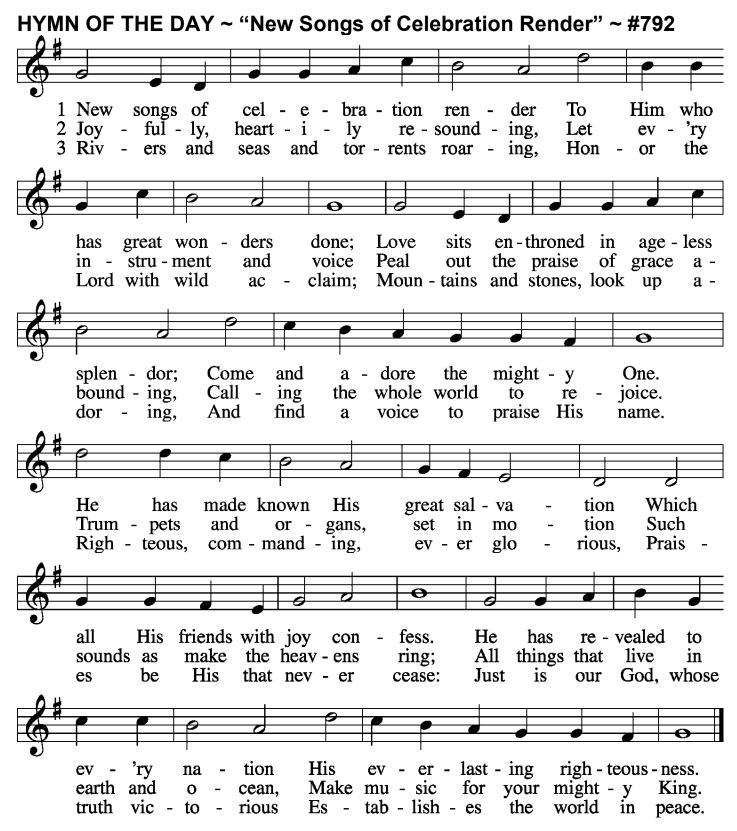
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit



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SERMON

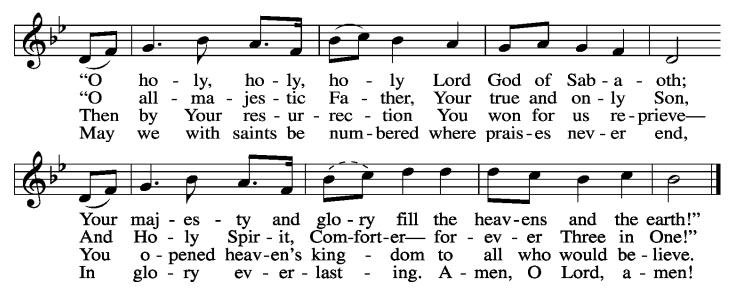
The face of the Highest is unveiled in the Sermon, which in a high sense expresses the communion of the saints, all of whom are glad in the presence of God. Now the congregation stands on the first height of the Mountain of God, with the face turned still higher to the Sacrament.

Stand

OFFERTORY ~ "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" ~ #941

(Children's Choir will sing verses 1 & 2; Congregation will join in verses 3 & 4)





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OFFERING

Please take this opportunity to record your attendance in the red fellowship pad located at the end of your row. Also indicate if you will be receiving Holy Communion this morning.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The worshiping people now know themselves as the Bride of the Lord; their hearts longings are satisfied in him and through him; but not only through him, also through fellowship with one another; they are the people of God – a unit in their inner life and experience. In the fulness of divine grace they bear in mind the needs of one another, as well as those of the whole world; and humbly wishing each human soul the highest good, they approach the divine Throne in supplication, prayer, and intercession.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

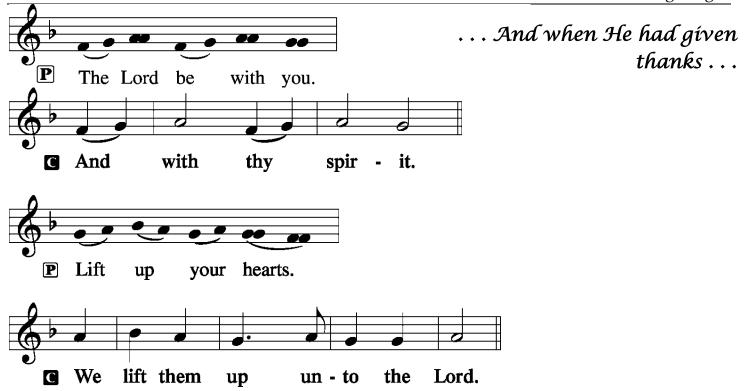
In this Holy Sacrament we receive what our Lord Jesus Christ instituted: His true body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. (Mt. 26:26-29; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Additionally, we believe that the Lord's Supper is a celebration of the congregation signifying a oneness in faith, life, practice, and worship.

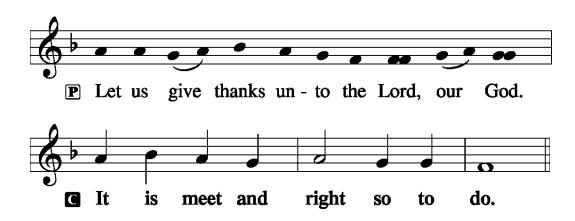
While we welcome to this celebration those Christians who are not fully united with us, it is a sad consequence of the division in Christianity that **we cannot extend to them a general invitation to receive communion**. Reception of the Holy Communion at this time by Christians not fully united with us would confess a oneness that does not yet exist and for which we must all pray. We invite you to join us in praying for the unity of the church in the confession of the true doctrine.

If you desire to receive a blessing, you may come forward to the rail and rest your hands at your side or across your chest so the pastor knows to give you a blessing. If you would like to know more about what we believe, teach, and confess please speak with our pastor. He will be glad to answer your questions or to speak with you about becoming a member with us.

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



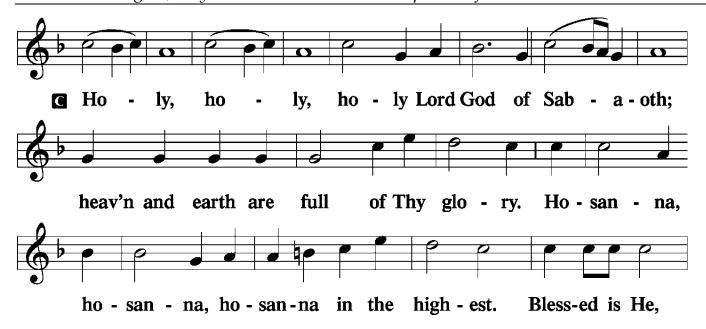


P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

But the giving of thanks is soon lost in the loftier strains of the Sanctus, in the Trisagion (triple Holy, Holy, Holy) of the heavenly hosts. In the Sanctus the worshiping people see the Lord's approach to the Sacrament, and they hail him in prayerful Hosanna. The people can rise no higher; they are as near Heaven as it is possible for a human soul to come on earth.





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

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

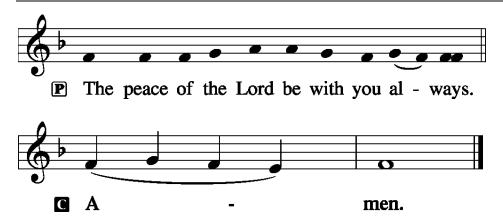
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Mt. 26:26–28; Mk. 14:22–24; Lk. 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25*

A brief, but deep and expectant silence now settles on the people. Without transition the verba testamenti (words of the testament) are now heard. He comes in the name of the Lord! God and his Lamb, slain for the sin of the world, are present!

- 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."
- P 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."

PAX DOMINI ~ Peace of the Lord

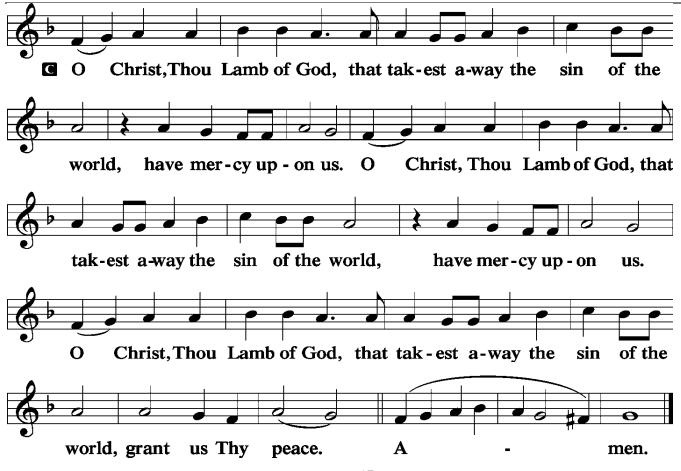
But all trembling and fear, awakened anew through the coming of the Lord, now gives way to the peace of the Lord, which he himself announces to the guests about to approach his Table.

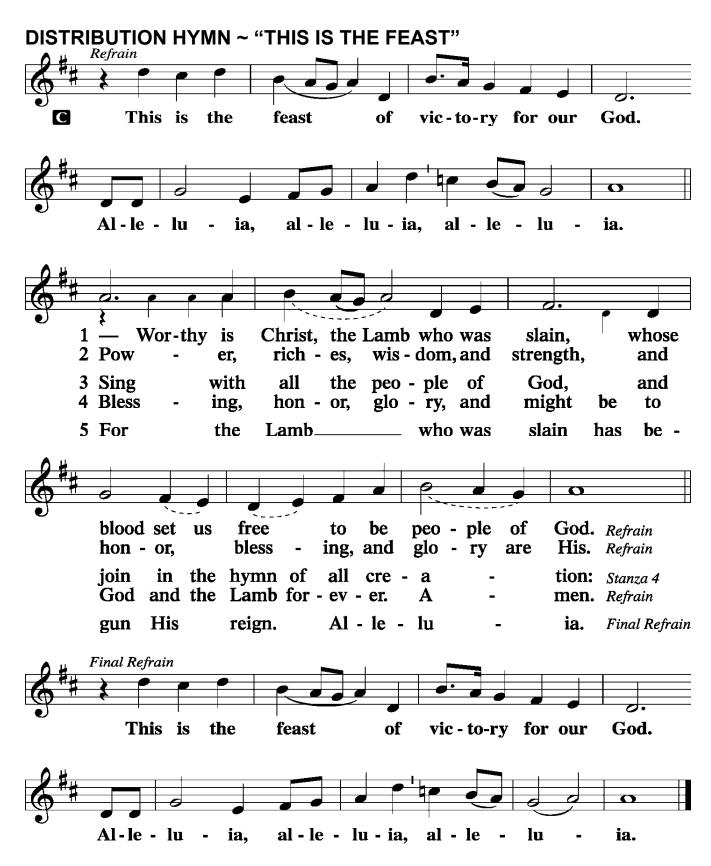


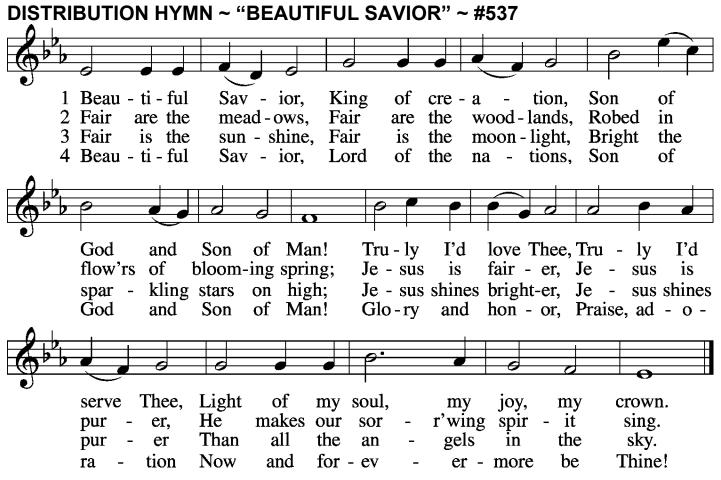
AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

Humbled, the congregation lies before the highest, not indeed as though cast down from the heights of the Sanctus, but by it deeply impressed with the nearness of God, commends to him in the Agnus and Pater Noster (Our Father) everything which is necessary for time and eternity.







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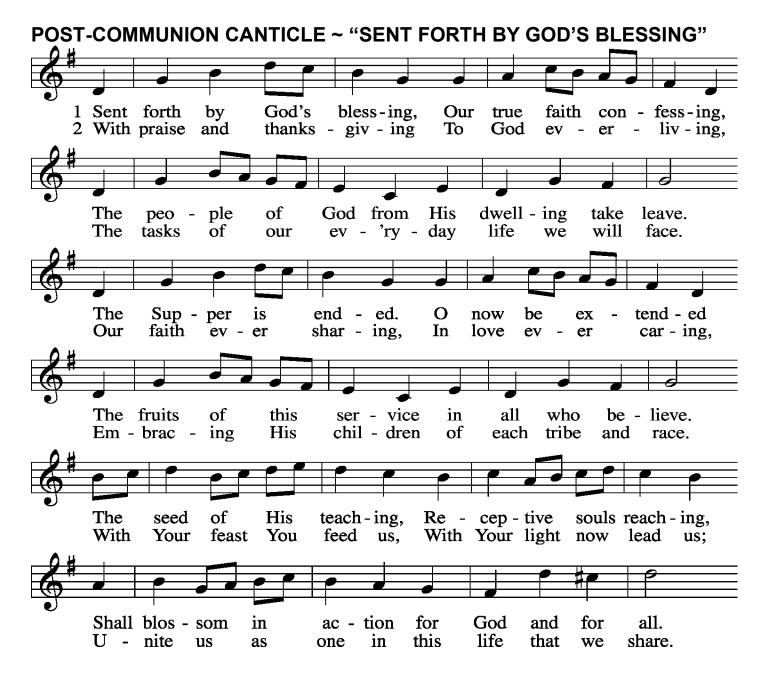


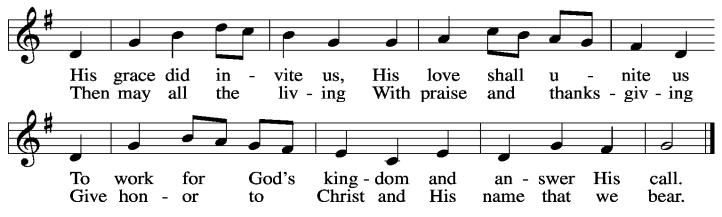
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THE DISMISSAL

The service closes, and the worshipers, with hope, born anew, seek in their daily occupations that which God has given to each as the discipline preparatory to glorification.

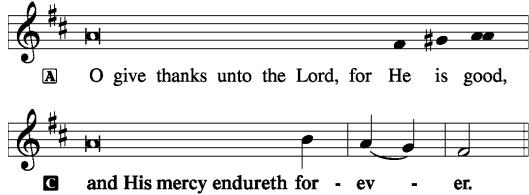
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.





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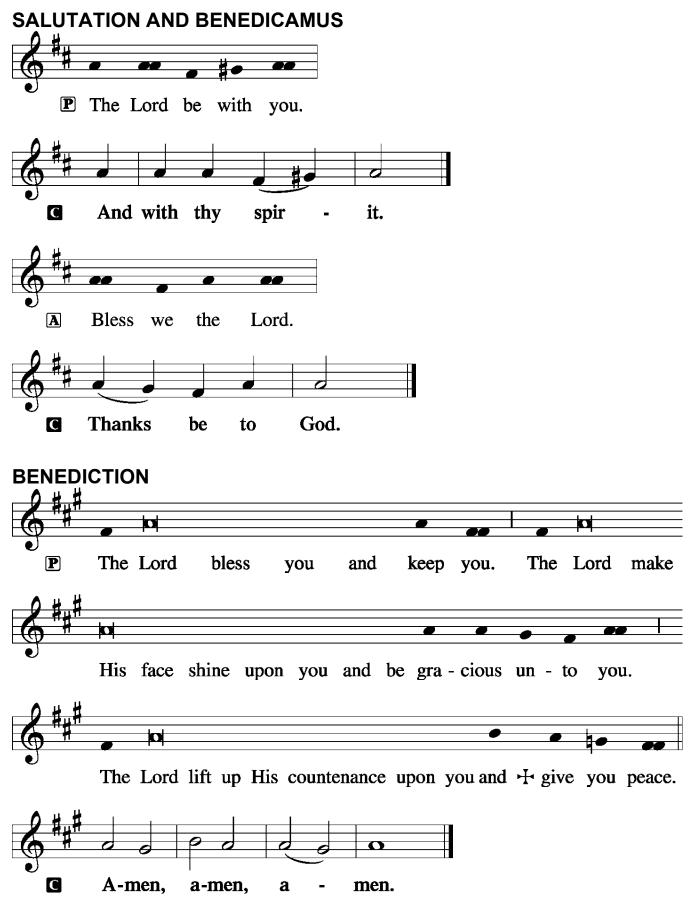
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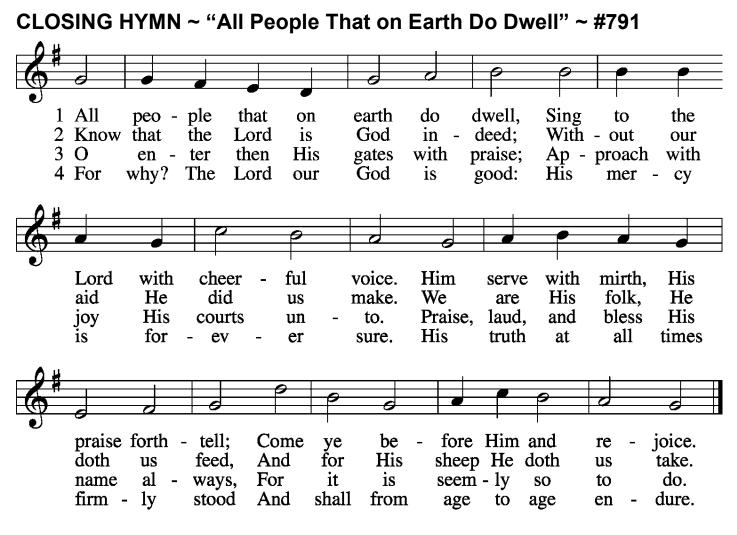


A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.







5 Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him, all creatures here below Praise Him above the Heavenly host Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen.

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Serving in the Lord's House This Morning

Pastor ~ Rev. David Appold

Organist ~ Kim Sales

Altar Guild ~ LaDonna Driver, Joan Schmidt & Amelia Warden

Ushers ~ Cody Witt & Kyle Witt

Acolytes ~ Sam Appold & Elijah Reimnitz

Communion Assistant ~ David Baumer & Jim Morris