

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

*January 2, 2022*

**God Loves You Dearly!**

## **WELCOME**

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the word and sacraments. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know. We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in the room adjoining the worship facility.



## **AS WE GATHER**

God loves you! He chose you before the foundation of the world and knew that you would be part of His family through faith in Jesus Christ. Whom do you know who needs to experience God's unconditional, all-accepting, no-strings-attached love? As we are reminded throughout the Scriptures, God's love is for all people. Who is near to you who may still be far from God? How can you connect with them this year so that they might come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved?

## **COMMUNION PRACTICE**

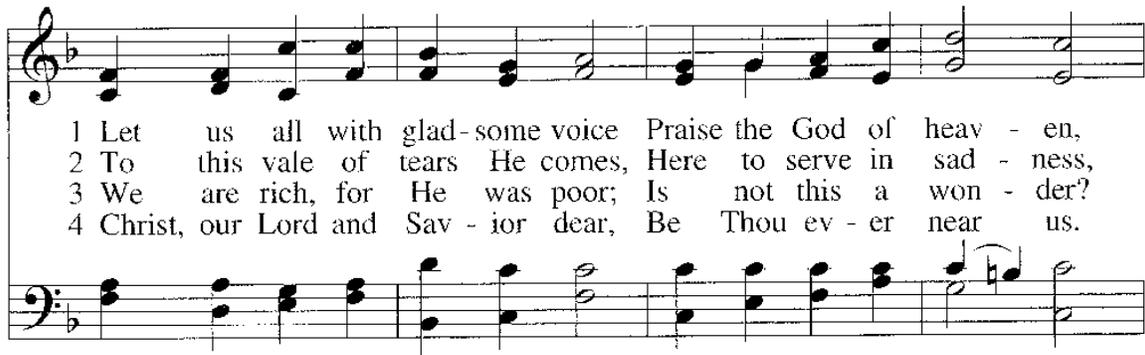
Lamb of God celebrates the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

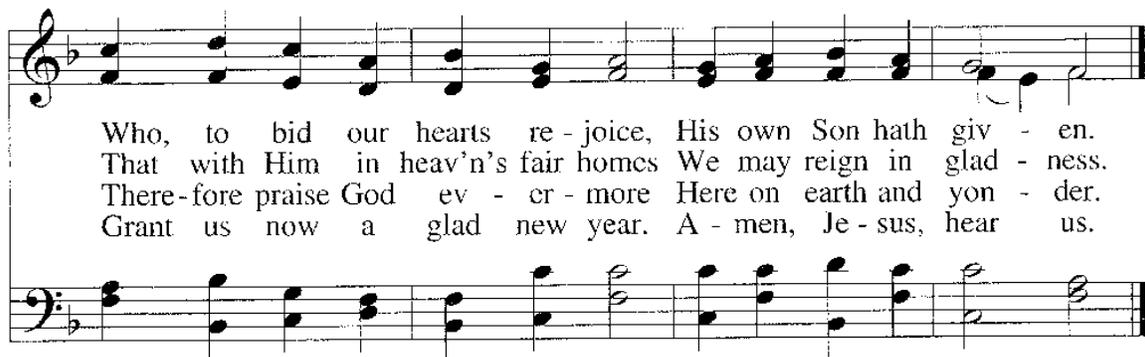
### HYMN

“Let Us All With Gladsome Voice”

{LSB 390}



1 Let us all with glad-some voice Praise the God of heav - en,  
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sad - ness,  
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a won - der?  
4 Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior dear, Be Thou ev - er near us.



Who, to bid our hearts re - jice, His own Son hath giv - en.  
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.  
There-fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.  
Grant us now a glad new year. A - men, Je - sus, hear us.

### 🕊 INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

*John 3:16; Titus 2:11; 1  
Timothy 2:3-4; 1 John 2:2*

P: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

C: **For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.**

P: This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

C: **He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Romans 3:22b–25a, 6:23*

P: For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

**C: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: O Giver of all good gifts, we come to You today acknowledging our foolishness and shortsightedness. As we live in this world, we succumb to the thinking of this world, which does not always align with Your thoughts. Amid the strains and stresses of life, we forget about Your unfailing love for us and for all in our world. For the sake of Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, forgive our sins and renew us by Your love.**

P: Our God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, loves us dearly and blesses us with every spiritual blessing. We have redemption through Jesus' blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Thank You, Jesus! Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### INTROIT

*Psalm 147:1, 5, 11-12; antiphon: Joh 1:14*

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**C: and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

P: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

**C: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.**

P: But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

**C: in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

P: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

**C: Praise your God, O Zion!**

P: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**C: and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

# KYRIE

(p. 152 in hymnal)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the gifts of forgiveness, grace, and the heavenly inheritance that awaits us, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for wisdom for all who lead, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For God's chosen people, gathered here and scattered throughout the earth, and for the proclamation of God's unconditional love for all and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

(p. 154 in hymnal)



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **SALUTATION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Gracious heavenly Father, You have shown repeatedly throughout history how much You love Your chosen people. Fill our lives with Your love so we may share it with all whom we interact; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **🕒 OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*1 Kings 3:4–15*

*(Solomon asks for the gift of wisdom.)*

<sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

<sup>6</sup>Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

<sup>7</sup>“Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. <sup>8</sup>Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number.

<sup>9</sup>So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

<sup>10</sup>The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. <sup>11</sup>So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, <sup>12</sup>I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. <sup>13</sup>Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. <sup>14</sup>And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” <sup>15</sup>Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

He returned to Jerusalem, stood before the ark of the Lord’s covenant and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then he gave a feast for all his court.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 119:97–104; antiphon: v. 99*

P: <sup>97</sup>Oh, how I love your law!

**C: I meditate on it all day long.**

P: <sup>98</sup>Your commands are always with me

**C: and make me wiser than my enemies.**

P: <sup>99</sup>I have more insight than all my teachers,

**C: for I meditate on your statutes.**

P: <sup>100</sup>I have more understanding than the elders,

**C: for I obey your precepts.**

P: <sup>101</sup>I have kept my feet from every evil path

**C: so that I might obey your word.**

P: <sup>102</sup>I have not departed from your laws,

**C: for you yourself have taught me.**

P: <sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words to my taste,

**C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

P: <sup>104</sup>I gain understanding from your precepts;

**C: therefore I hate every wrong path. 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.**

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:3–14*

*(In His infinite wisdom, God gives us an eternal inheritance.)*

<sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup>For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup>he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup>to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. <sup>11</sup>In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup>in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## 🕯 VERSE

Luke 2:40

P: Alleluia.

**C: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.**

P: And the favor of God was upon Him.

**C: Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:40–52

*(Jesus is found sharing His wisdom in the temple.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

<sup>41</sup>Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup>After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup>Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

<sup>49</sup>"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>51</sup>Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. <sup>52</sup>And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN****"Of the Father's Love Begotten"**

{LSB 384}



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more. A - men.

**SERMON**

## **📌 CREED**

*Nicene Creed*

**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**

## 📌 PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God's people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances.

Lord, we pray for this New Year that is here, that You continue to bless us, Your people chosen before the foundation of the world, so that we may be a blessing to others. Fill us with the wisdom of Your Word. Lead and guide our visioning, goal setting, and planning so that we have a positive impact in our world both now and for eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we pray for all who lead—in government, in the public and private sectors, and in Your Church—that they lead with Your wisdom so that the decisions they make are in line with Your will for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we pray for all who are hurting, grieving, and struggling in their heart, soul, strength, and mind, {especially . . .} that they experience Your dear, sweet love for them as You lead, guide, and provide for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we pray for those who are beginning this year with goals to read the Bible and learn more about You, that You connect them with Your people so that, as with Philip and the Ethiopian, there is someone to help them understand the mystery of Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your dear love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



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## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### 🕒 PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

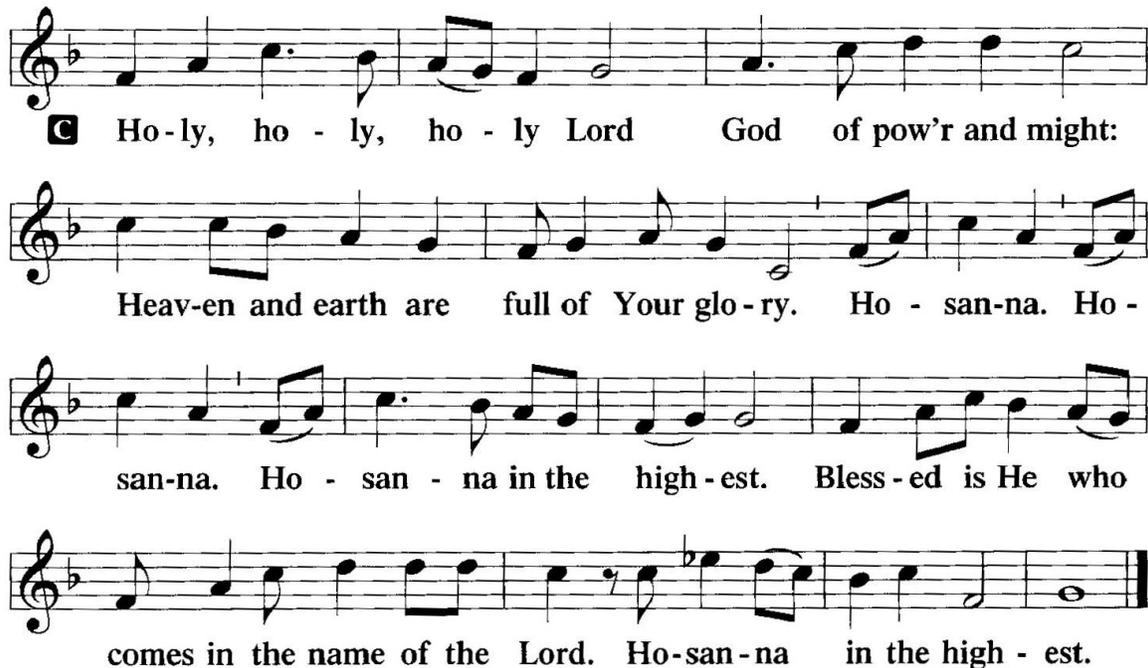
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was born of Mary, visited by the Magi, and who amazed those in the temple with His understanding and answers. Through Jesus, You have revealed Your love for all humanity through His suffering, death, and resurrection. 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

(p. 161 in hymnal)



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en 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 who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, King of the universe, for in Your divine wisdom and in the fullness of time You sent Your beloved Son to be born of Mary. In the mystery of Your will and Your great love for humanity, He not only became human but also sacrificed His body and His blood on the cross as He died for the sins of the world before rising to life again. We receive this immense gift of grace with repentant joy.

As we gather here in Your name, Lord Jesus, we beg You to give us redemption through Your blood, the forgiveness for our trespasses according to the riches of Your grace. Grant us faithfully to eat Your body and drink Your blood and fill us with Your wisdom and Your grace.

Gather us together, Holy Spirit, 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, enlighten, and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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.”

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.”

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.

## PAX DOMINI

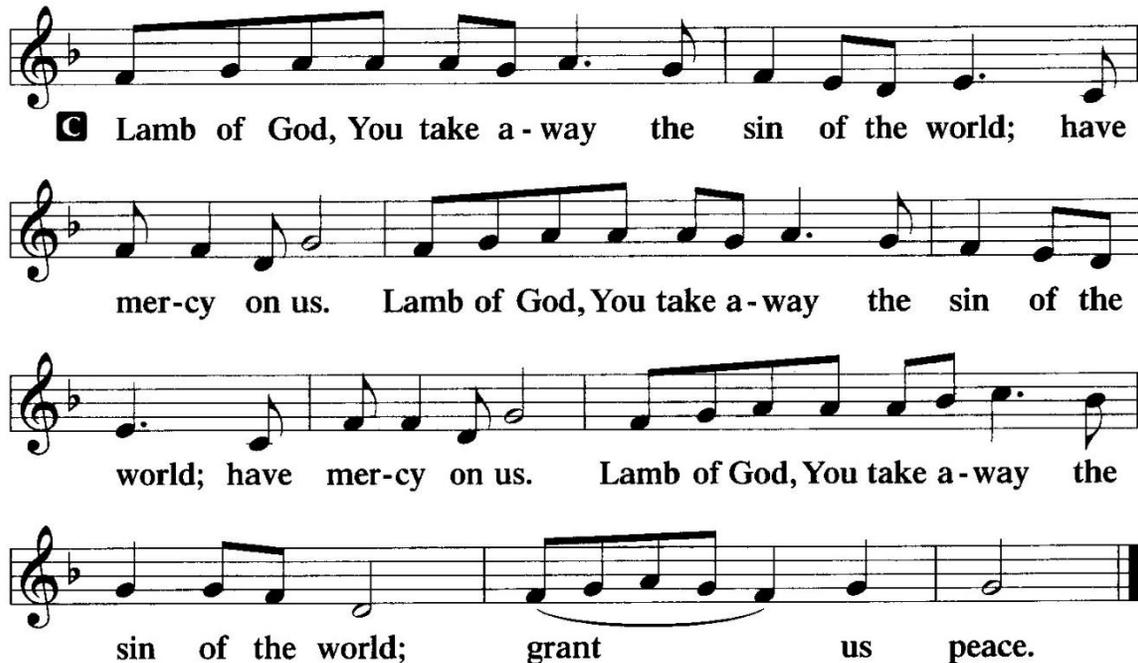
**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## WE SHARE THE PEACE

### ♩ AGNUS DEI

*(p. 180 in hymnal)*

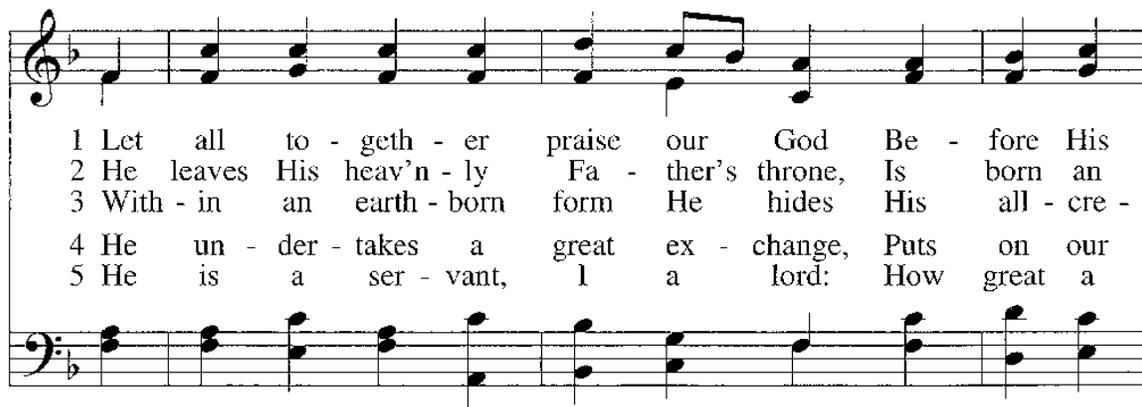


♩ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

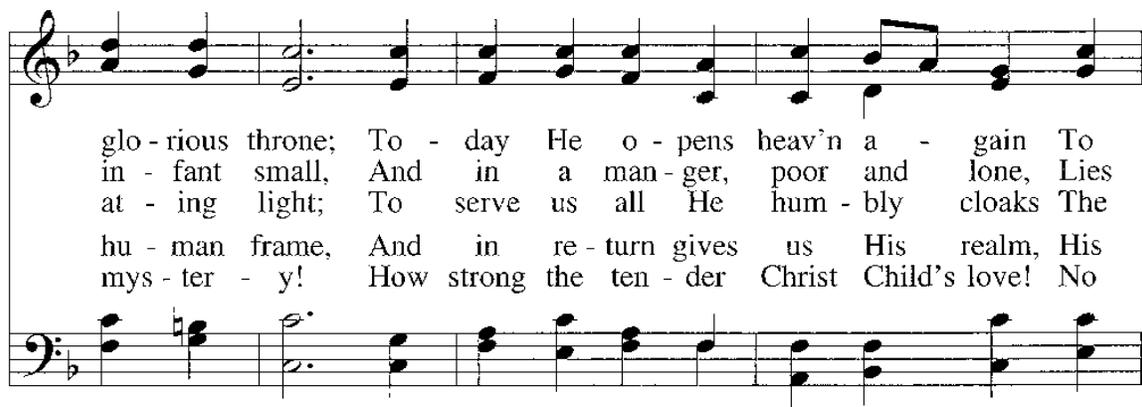
# DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## “Let All Together Praise Our God”

{LSB 389}



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God Be - fore His  
2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
3 With - in an earth - born form He hides His all - cre -  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, Puts on our  
5 He is a ser - vant, I a lord: How great a



glo - rious throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain To  
in - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
at - ing light; To serve us all He hum - bly cloaks The  
hu - man frame, And in re - turn gives us His realm, His  
mys - ter - y! How strong the ten - der Christ Child's love! No



give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.  
in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
splen - dor of His might, The splen - dor of His might.  
glo - ry, and His name, His glo - ry, and His name.  
tru - er friend than He, No tru - er friend than He.

6 He is the key and He the door  
To blessèd paradise;  
The angel bars the way no more.  
To God our praises rise,  
To God our praises rise.

7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,  
Lord Jesus, we adore  
And praise to God the Father yield  
And Spirit evermore;  
We praise You evermore.

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

(p. 164 in hymnal)



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

*Psalm 106:1b*

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**C: His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty and omnipotent God, that You have filled us with Your forgiveness in this sacred Meal of Your Son's body and blood. In Your mercy, fill us with Your wisdom and Your grace, and lead us to love one another; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS

### BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

HYMN

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

{LSB 643}

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-er is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.  
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.

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