

# **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

**January 16, 2022**

## **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**

Confirmation is a custom of the Church and not a sacrament. It links the catechumens to their Baptism, celebrates the reception of the Lord's Word among them and, in cases where the candidates have not yet communed, welcomes them to the Lord's Table. Luther strongly urges in both catechisms that those who are unwilling to learn, in the very least, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer should not be admitted to the Lord's Supper. Baptized Christians are admitted to the Sacrament when they have been examined and absolved by their pastor in accordance with the Lutheran custom outlined in the Augsburg Confession (Article XXV). Confirmation declares of a catechumen that he or she is a Christian who has been baptized, confesses the faith, and is in communion with Christ and His Church. The reception of catechumens to the Lord's Table assumes that ongoing catechesis is the way of life for the faithful Christian. This rite emphasizes God's work in Baptism, the gift of faith, and the benefits of the Lord's Supper for all who believe in Christ and the words of His testament.

## **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 ✧

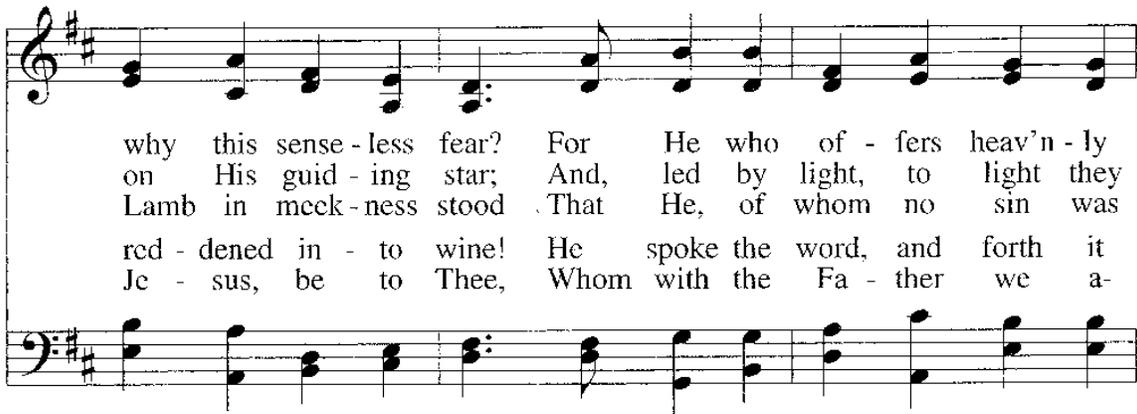
## HYMN

### "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

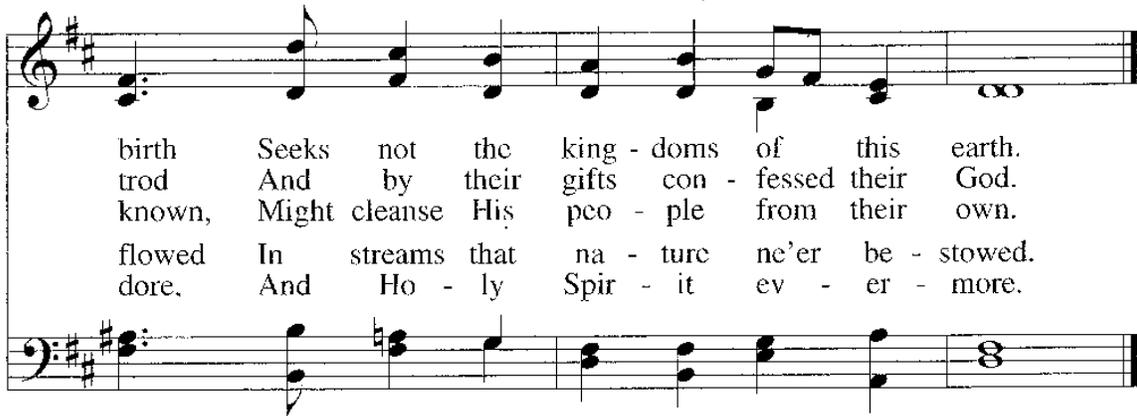
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1 The star pro - claims the King is here; But, Her - od,  
2 The east - ern sa - ges saw from far And fol - lowed  
3 With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood The heav'n - ly  
4 And oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, When wa - ter  
5 For this Thy glad e - piph - a - ny All glo - ry,



why this sense - less fear? For He who of - fers heav'n - ly  
on His guid - ing star; And, led by light, to light they  
Lamb in meek - ness stood That He, of whom no sin was  
red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it  
Je - sus, be to Thee, Whom with the Fa - ther we a -



birth Seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
trod And by their gifts con - fessed their God.  
known, Might cleanse His peo - ple from their own.  
flowed In streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.  
dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

## 🕯 INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

## CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO

*1 John 1:5–7*

P: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C: **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

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

C: **Merciful God, we confess that we live surrounded by the darkness of sin. Our lives are spent in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from this darkness and grant us Your forgiveness by the light of Your Son's saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ, the light of the world, opens heaven before us and brings us life again. 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.

## ✠ WORD ✠

## 🕯 INTROIT

*Psalm 70:1-5*

P: <sup>1</sup>Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!

C: <sup>2</sup>**Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!**

P: <sup>3</sup>Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

C: <sup>4</sup>**May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**

P: <sup>5</sup>But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

C: **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.**

# 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. Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son to establish a new creation, by the forgiveness won in the glory of His cross and resurrection, renew our lives by the breath of the Holy Spirit empowering us to worship You in purity and serve one another in love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## 📖 VERSE

*John 2:11*

**C: Allelulia, Lord! To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Allelulia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 26:17–35*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup>Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>18</sup>He said, “Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, ‘The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.’” <sup>19</sup>And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

<sup>20</sup>When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. <sup>21</sup>And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” <sup>22</sup>And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” <sup>23</sup>He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. <sup>24</sup>The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” <sup>25</sup>Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

<sup>26</sup>Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.”

<sup>30</sup>And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” <sup>32</sup>But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” <sup>33</sup>Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” <sup>35</sup>Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 📌 PRAYER OF THE CHUCH

P: Lord God, merciful Father, we praise and thank You for Your gift of life, especially the new life You give us in the water of Holy Baptism and for teaching us to be Your new creation by Your Holy Word. Having given us this new life by Your Holy Spirit, cause us to live in Your love actively, faithfully caring for and serving our neighbor. Give us confidence in Your never-failing love and help. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: As Your Son brought blessing and joy to the wedding at Cana, so You have made us to be His Bride, Your Holy Church. Help us to be faithful to You as You are to us, that we may demonstrate the beauty of Your love, which You bestow on the whole world. Bless all pastors and leaders in the Church to proclaim faithfully Your glorious salvation to all and bind us in one mission of love and service to one another and to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, bless our nation and all who serve in the offices of government. Preserve and protect all who serve in the armed forces of our country. Grant that justice and honor prevail in society that we may dwell in peace all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We here remember before You all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [especially . . .]. By Your Spirit, calm their fears, grant healing and especially steadfastness and confidence of faith in Your never-ending kindness and power to help. Be with all to whom death draws near. Grant Your compassion and skill to all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: With reverence and affection we remember before You, O Lord, all our friends and relatives who have departed in faith. Keep us in the true faith that we may ever hold the sure hope of eternal life in the marriage feast that has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: Amen.**

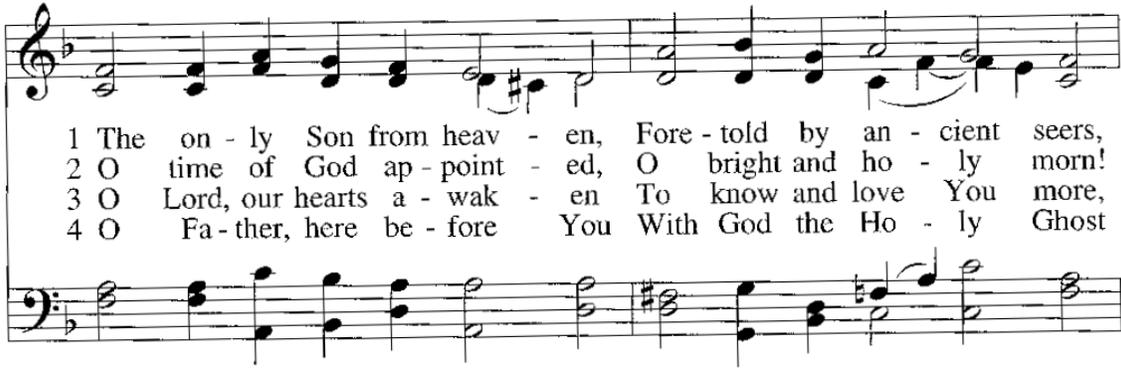


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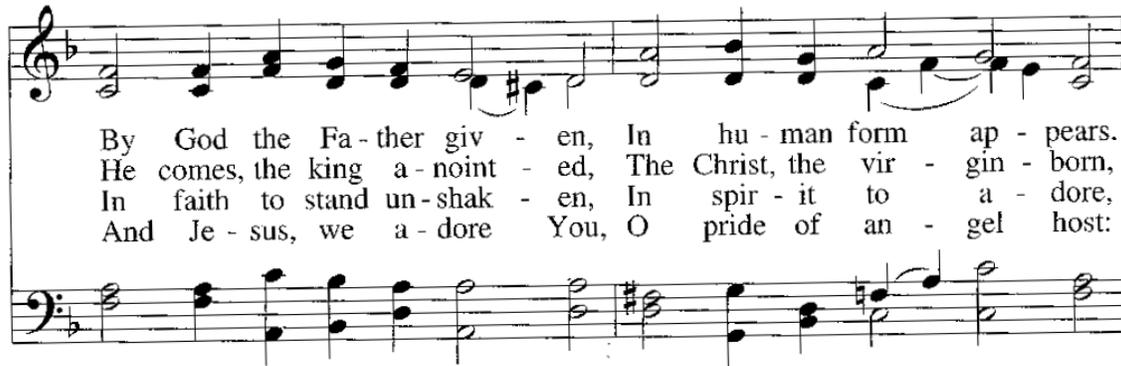
# HYMN OF THE DAY

## "The Only Son from Heaven"

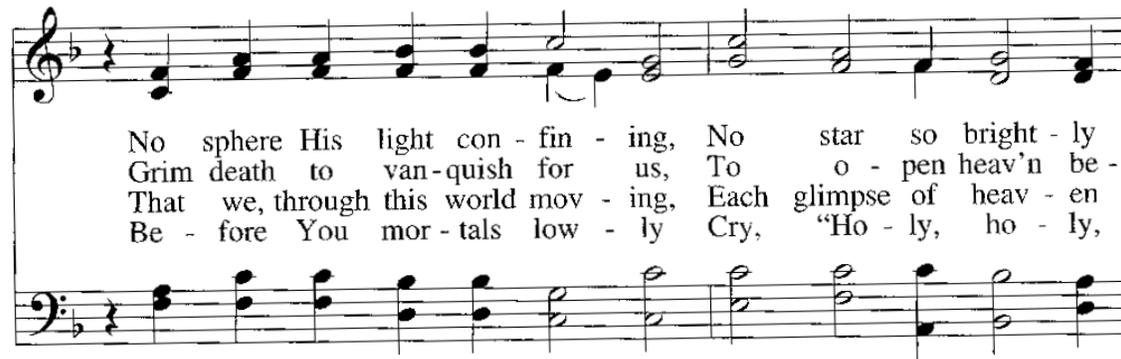
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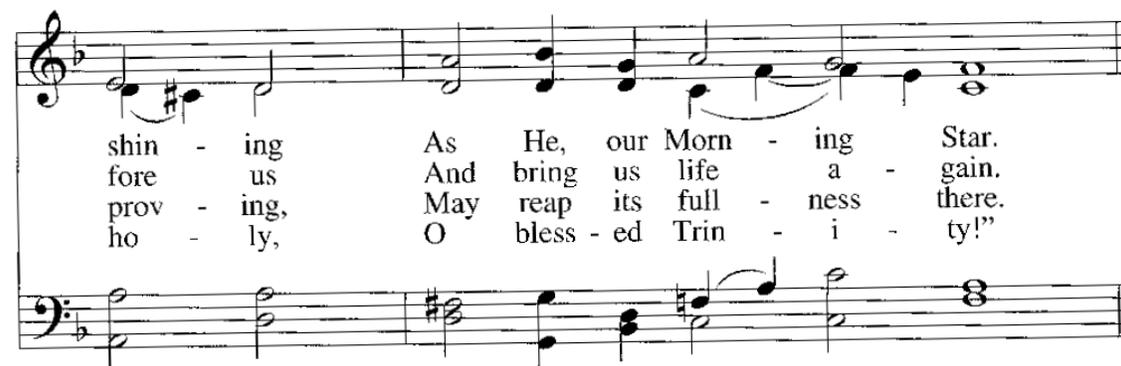
1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

# SERMON

## CONFIRMATION

(p. 272 in hymnal)

*The confirmands come forward to stand in front of the altar.*

P: Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord. *Matthew 28:18b-20 NKJV; Matthew 10:32-33 NKJV alt.*

P: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R: ***Yes, I do.***

P: Do you renounce the devil?

R: ***Yes, I renounce him.***

P: Do you renounce all his works?

R: ***Yes, I renounce them.***

P: Do you renounce all his ways?

R: ***Yes, I renounce them.***

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R: ***Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, make of heaven and earth.***

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R: ***Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.***

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R: ***Yes, 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.***

P: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R: ***I do.***

P: Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R: ***I do.***

P: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R: ***I do, by the grace of God.***

P: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R: ***I do, by the grace of God.***

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: ***I do, by the grace of God.***

P: We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

P: (NAME), the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

R: **Amen.**

P: Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear their cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R: **Amen.**

P: Peace † be with you.

C: **Amen.**

*The confirmands remain standing and make up the first table at communion.*

## ✠ 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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As He revealed His glory increasing the joy at the wedding at Cana, so do we now rejoice to give You thanks for the new wine of eternal life by which we receive His very own blood shed in love for us and the whole world.

Hear us as we pray as You have taught us:

## **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.

## **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.

## **PAX DOMINI**

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

**C:** Amen.

♩ AGNUS DEI

(p. 180 in hymnal)



**C** 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

## “All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”

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1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King di - vine,  
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,  
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, Thou  
5 Let ev - 'ry tongue con - fess with one ac - cord,

Didst yield the glo - ry that of right was Thine,  
By Thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
Who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
Art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
In heav'n and earth, that Je - sus Christ is Lord,

That in our dark - ened hearts Thy grace might shine.  
And by Thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
Hum - bling Thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.  
And God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”

[LSB 500]

1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions  
 2 O Source of un - cre - at - ed light, The bear - er of God's  
 3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to  
 4 Im - mor - tal hon - or, end - less fame At - tend the al - might - y

first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,  
 gra - cious might, Thrice - ho - ly fount, thrice - ho - ly fire, Our  
 us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And  
 Fa - ther's name; The Sav - ior - Son be glo - ri - fied, Who

pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row  
 hearts with heav'n - ly love in - spire; Your sa - cred, heal - ing  
 prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that  
 for all hu - man - kind has died; To You, O Par - a -

set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.  
 mes - sage bring To sanc - ti - fy us as we sing.  
 we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.  
 clete, we raise Un - end - ing songs of thanks and praise.

## 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 COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have made us glad and increased our joy, making us to share in the glory of Your Son's cross and resurrection by Means of His very body and blood given and shed for us. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to be His love and light in our world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

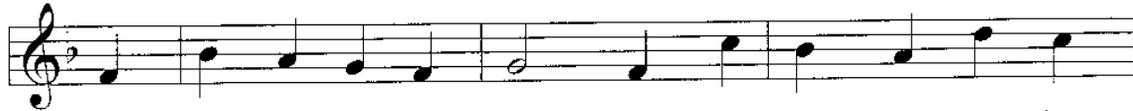
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1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -  
 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry  
 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -



vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face  
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise  
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing  
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the  
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,



health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,  
 earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;  
 God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out  
 Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and  
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.  
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.  
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, "A - men!"