Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

GRACE NOT LAW

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

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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

Human law would expect that the physical descendants of Abraham and the people included in the nation of Israel would receive God's promised blessings, but God's covenant is based on His great grace. The covenant to David is for all people, whoever will listen to His gracious invitation. "Come to Me," the Lord says through Isaiah, "hear, that your soul may live" (ISAIAH 55:3). In the Epistle, Paul laments that although the blessings of God came through the Jewish people, most have cut themselves off from the promise. His hope lies in the grace of God, which says "the children of the promise are counted as offspring" (ROMANS 9:8). And grace continues! Today God counts us worthy to serve His gracious plans, just as our Lord used even the doubting disciples to feed the 5,000 in the Gospel. Grace, indeed!

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.

CAUTION

It is prudent and wise to let our church family know you have broken people sitting around you; this is a place for the broken as Jesus describes in the gospels. We have/may have folks in the congregation that have been alcoholics, drug abusers, spousal abusers, formerly violent and even sexual offenders. This is a house for the broken. We certainly understand that this is a Lamb of God Lutheran Church Ministry and have taken diligent steps to create a safe environment for all who would like to worship our Father.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



We are very happy that you are here today, whether this is your first or fiftieth time with us. If you need a little help, please ask. There are many people here at Lamb of God who will lend you a hand.

Here are some suggestions to help make worship with your children easier:

- ♦ Relax! Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Lamb of God.
- Please dare to sit toward the front, where your children can easily see the pastor, note the colors, embrace the action at the altar, and wonder at the symbols in the great stained-glass windows. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- → Explain the parts of the Divine Service to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of this belongs to them, too.
- ♦ Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn by following your lead.
- If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so but please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out (there are soft toys and books in the nursery, and activity sheets with colored pencils in the fellowship hall which can be brought into the worship hall to help engage your child)
- ♦ Remember that the way we nurture children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- → Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (LUKE 18:16)

We know that your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.

+ PREPARATION +



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O INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

PRAYER

- Let us pray: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden,
- cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name;
- L through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

 We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.
- Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.
- We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.
- Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.
- We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.
- Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.
- In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. 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. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.
- Amen. Thanks be to God.

+ WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1

- Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.
- They asked, and He brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
- He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
- it flowed through the desert like a river.
- **I** For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.
- So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing. 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. Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

L Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth.



SALUTATION

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray: Gracious God, You have promised us forgiveness, life, and salvation through Christ, our Lord.
- Help us to see ourselves as children of Abraham by faith and acknowledge that Your blessings come to us undeservedly by grace;
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

■ The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 55.

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and he who has no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,

and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you."

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

Psalm 136:1-9; antiphon: v. 26

- Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.
- **L** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.
- W Give thanks to the God of gods, for His steadfast love endures forever.
- M Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- w to Him who alone does great wonders, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- **M** to Him who by understanding made the heavens, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- w to Him who spread out the earth above the waters, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- **M** to Him who made the great lights, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- w the sun to rule over the day, for His steadfast love endures forever;
- **M** the moon and stars to rule over the night, for His steadfast love endures forever:
- 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.
- **L** Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His steadfast love endures forever.



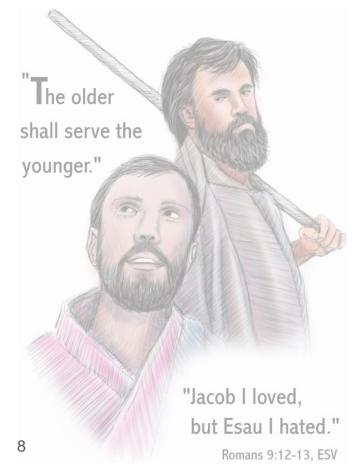
EPISTLE Romans 9:1–13

L The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 9.

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—
¹²she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

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





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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:13–21

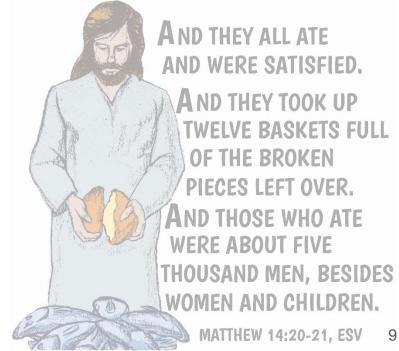
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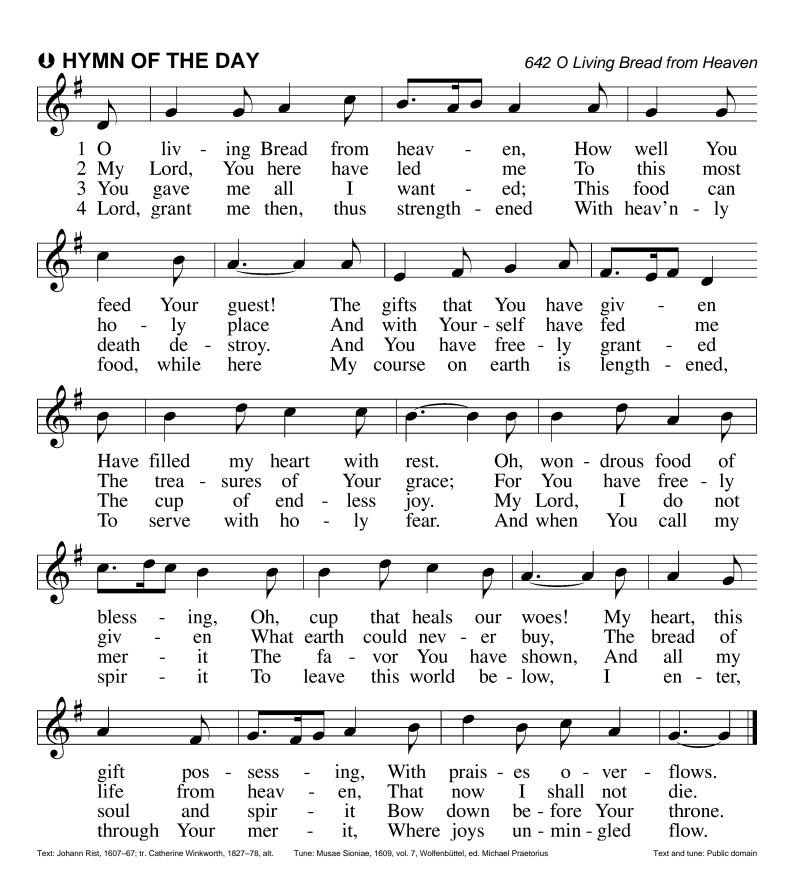
Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.





SERMON

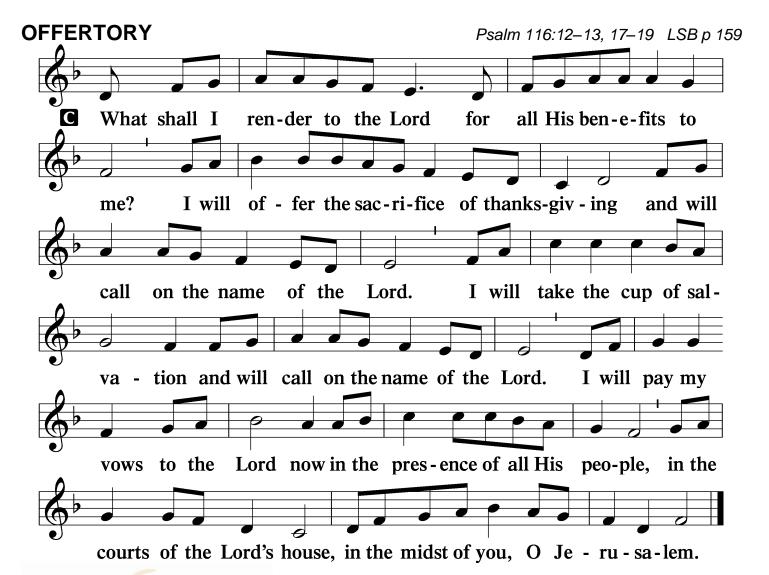
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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

O PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us go to our heavenly Father with prayers, praise, and thanksgiving: For those who have not truly heard the grace offered to all through the everlasting covenant given to David, but rely on the letter of the Law, expecting justice instead of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.
- Open their ears to hear and move people of faith to call them to turn to Your gracious invitation.
- For the Holy Spirit's work through Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen the faith of all who call out to God in hope and trust, let us praise the Lord.
- Praise to You, heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord, for the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit.
- With one another and all the faithful around the world, for all God's promises, which endure forever, let us thank our gracious God.
- Thanks be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your steadfast love.
- For all who face this day in poverty, without caring support or necessities, dealing with ongoing persecution, illness or disasters, that our gracious God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and surround them with caring people and the precious Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.
- Hear our prayers for them and the longing in their hearts, gracious Lord. Use us and our gifts to be part of Your answer to their fervent prayers.
- L We bring all these things to You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.





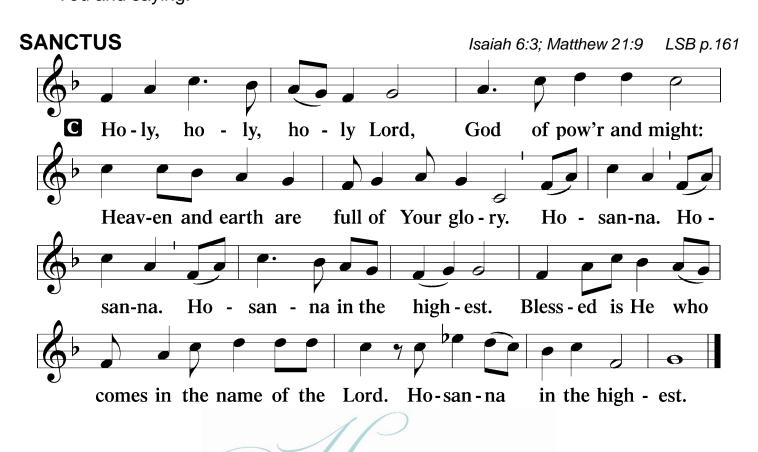
+ SACRAMENT +

O PREFACE

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- L Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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, who by His death and resurrection opened to all people Your gracious promises of eternal 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:



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for the boundless mercy and grace You have shown in sending Your Son to bear our sins and be our Savior. Gathered in His name, we pray that You would strengthen us to rely not on our own strength, but on Your love and forgiveness. Strengthen and guide us to invite others to Your grace in the way we think, speak, and act. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

- 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.
- 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

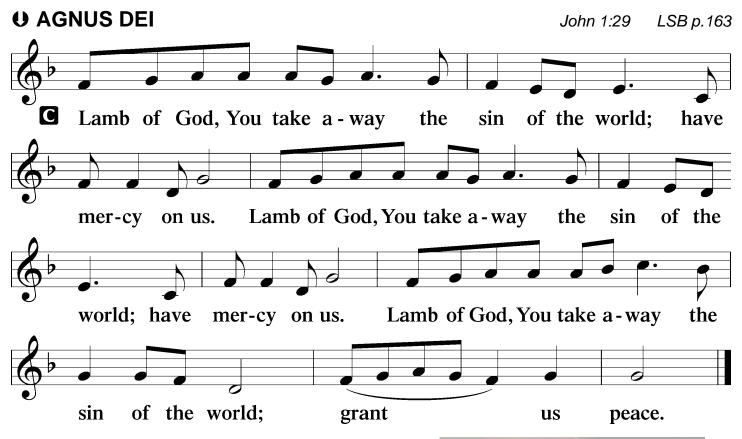
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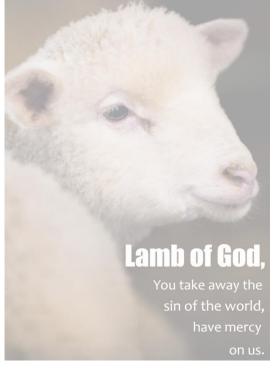
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

WE SHARE THE PEACE





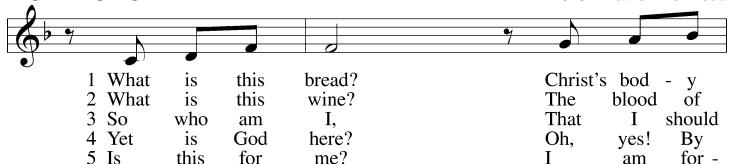


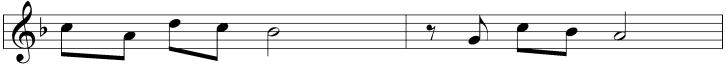
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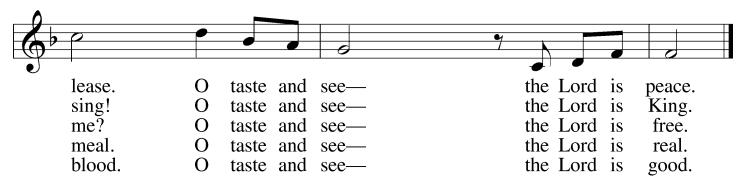




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The cup of grace
Un - der the rod?
In mouth and soul
I do be - lieve



This life we take, Brings His em - brace My God, my God, He makes us whole— That I re - ceive Was crushed to pay for our re-Of life and love un - til I
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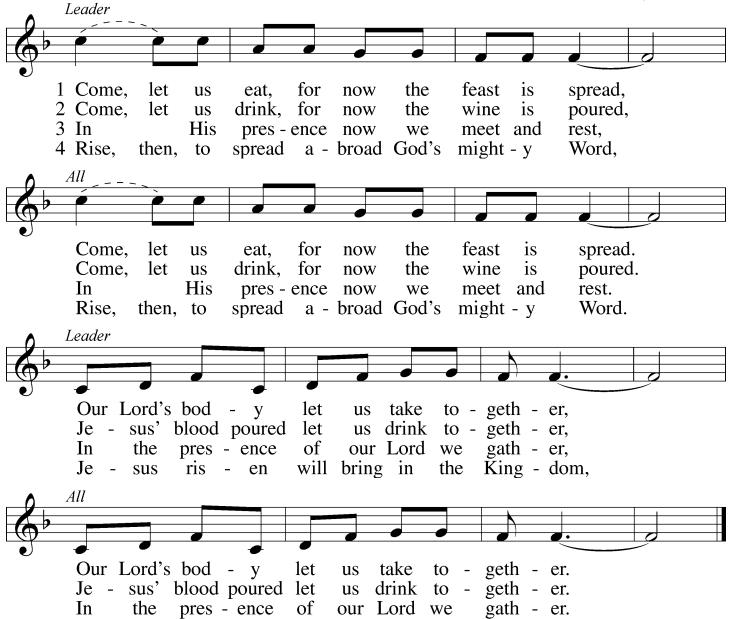
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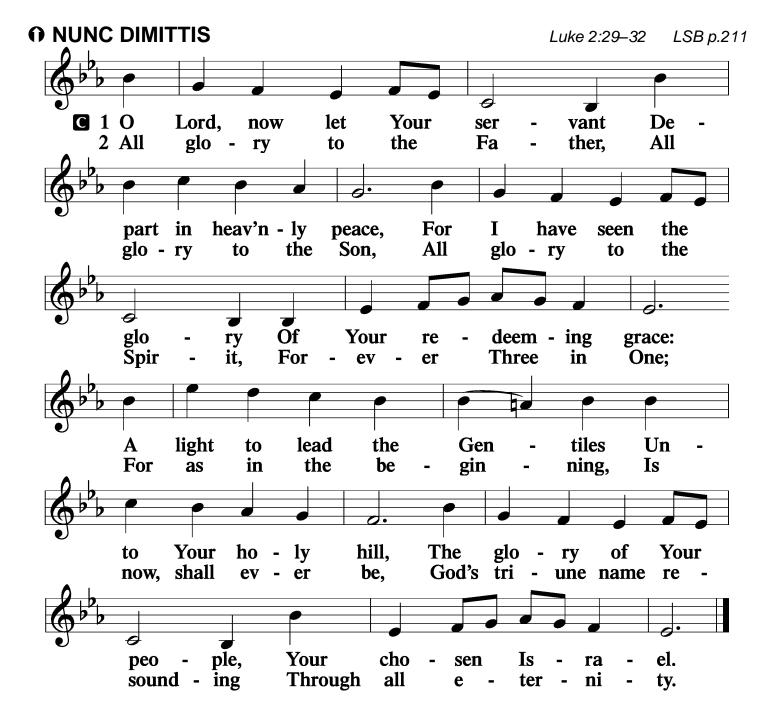
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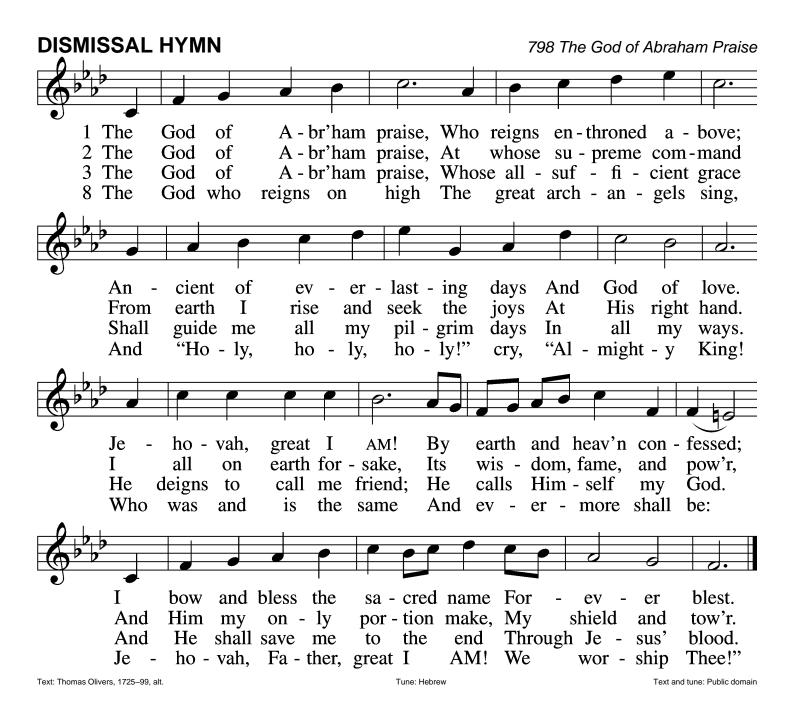
POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- Let us pray: We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have again shown us forgiveness and love in the precious gift of Your Son's body and blood.
- Grant us strengthened faith through this Sacrament that we exhibit in our life Your gracious invitation to eternal life for all who believe;
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

O ANNOUNCEMENTS and BIRTHDAYS

BENEDICTION

- C Amen.



DISMISSAL

- Co in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.