THE DAY OF THE LORD

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

It's not a big surprise that no one has accurately predicted the end of the world – not that it hasn't been attempted. From religious sects to cult leaders to apocalyptic predictions made when we entered a new millennium, a fascination grows around those who claim they have it all figured out. We are wise though to take the Lord at His word concerning the Last Day. From Amos in the Old Testament proclaiming the day of the Lord, to Paul writing the Thessalonians about Christ's return, to Jesus' parable of the ten virgins, the Lord does not give us a date or a time of the end of this world as we know it. What He continues to give us, though, are promises of His faithfulness, His continued care and providence, and His assurance that when that day comes, it will usher in a glorious blessedness in His perfect presence that will last forever.

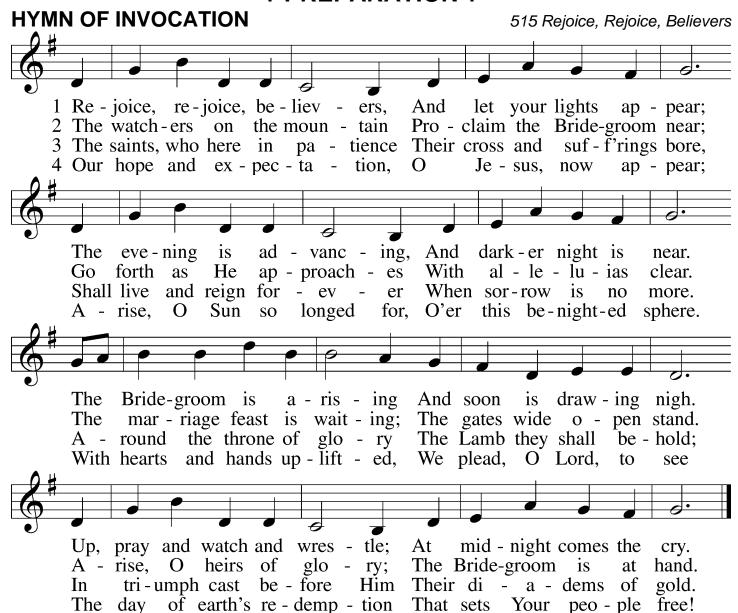
COMMUNION PRACTICE

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.

+ PREPARATION +



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O INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Amos 5:18, 20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16; Matthew 25:6, 10

- P Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?
- Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
- P But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

- For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.
- P At midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."
- The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTIONAmos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.
- We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.
- P As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.
- We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.
- P As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.
- We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.

ABSOLUTION

- P But let justice roll down like waters,
- and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
- P And so we will always be with the Lord.
- Therefore encourage one another with these words.
- In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to "watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: v. 3

- Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessèd is the one who trusts in you!
- 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.
- Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

KYRIE Mark 10:47

- **L** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.



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





SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 5:18-24

- The Old Testament Reading is from Amos, chapter 5.
 - ¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?
 - It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.
 - ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
 - ²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
 - ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them;
 - and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them.
 - ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
 - ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."
- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.



PSALM

Psalm 70; antiphon: v. 4

¹Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

- ²Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!
- ³Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"
- ⁴May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- ⁵But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

GRADUAL Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

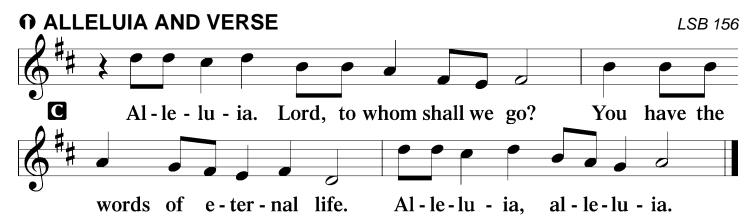
- **I** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
- They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- L Blessed are those whose strength is in You,
- in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

■ The Epistle is from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 4.

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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



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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1–13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.





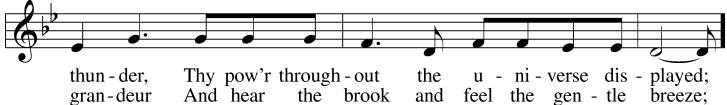
801 How Great Thou Art



- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won der Con sid er
- 2 When through the woods and for est glades I wan der, I hear the 3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar ing, Sent Him to
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac cla ma tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun-tain die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur-den glad - ly home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o-



gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin; ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!" *Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



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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 Φ of the world to come. Amen

O PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Revelation 22:20

As the Lord invites us to come to Him with petitions and supplications, we commonly close our prayers with "Amen." Derived from a Hebrew verb, amen means "certainty" or "to confirm." As Martin Luther put it, amen means, "Yes, yes, it shall be so." As we await the day of the Lord, we pray in confidence as Scripture closes with the words: "He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!" We, in our wait, come to our Lord in prayer, proclaim our "amens," and confidently invite Him to come.

Let us pray for the people of God in the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; His Bride, the Church; and for all people according to their needs.

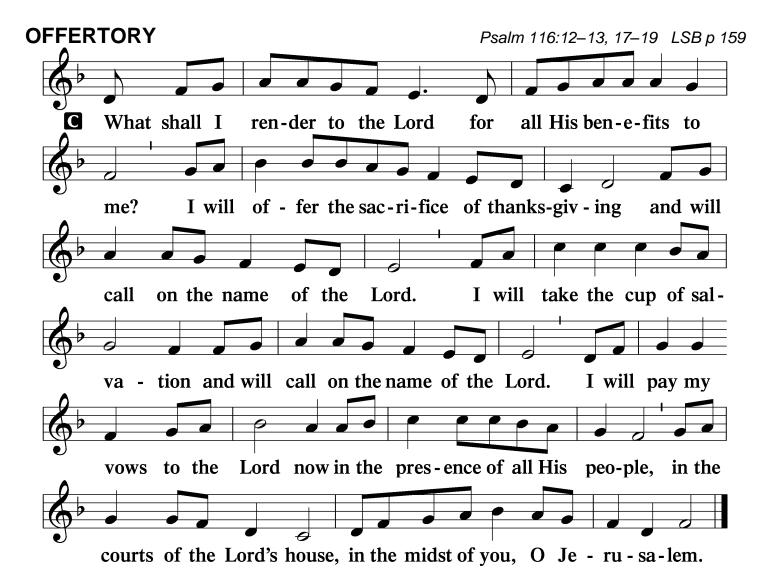
Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that united, together we as Your Church and as Your people confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Amen.

- **©** Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Heavenly Father, keep us ready in our waiting for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. In our wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit,

keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory at the hour and the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises to come. Amen.

- **C** Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Heavenly Father, You have already called faithful servants from this life as they are in Your glorious care and await the resurrection. For we who remain on this earth, give comfort and hope to those who grieve, [especially . . .]. For those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing according to Your will and lasting peace in light of affliction, [especially . . .]. For all those whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day at Your time, grant patience. Amen.
- Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Heavenly Father, as we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," awaiting His return, we know that in the meantime He even comes to us now through Your Word and Means of Grace. In the body and blood given and shed for us in, with, and under the bread and wine given and received, forgive us our sins and nourish our faith in our waiting that our hearts and lives be reflective of the grace You freely give. Amen.
- **C** Come, Lord Jesus.
- Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.







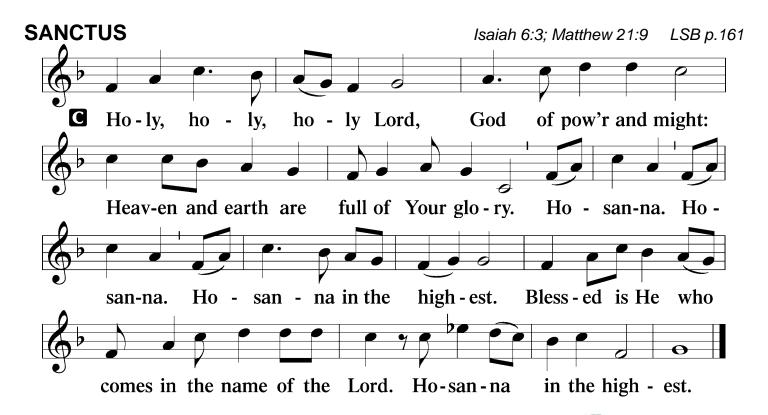
+ SACRAMENT +

O PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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 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

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

- 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.
- 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

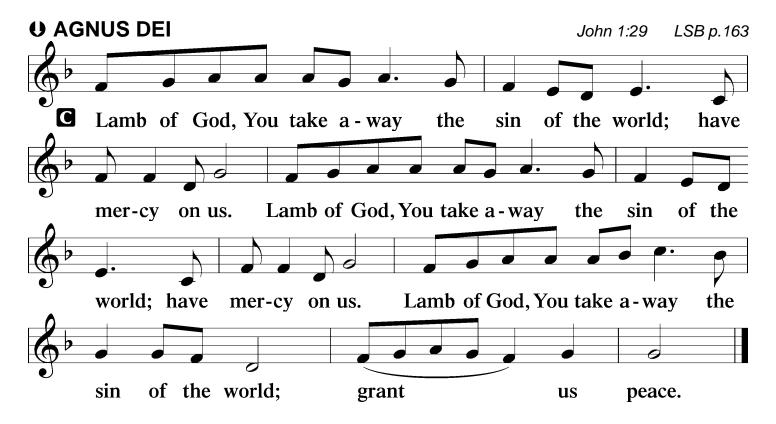
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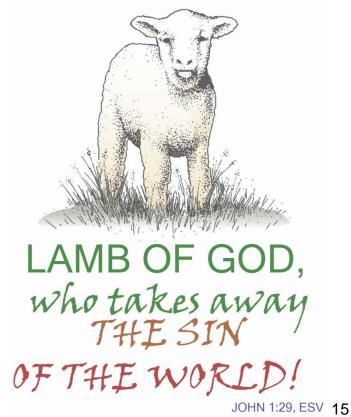
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the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

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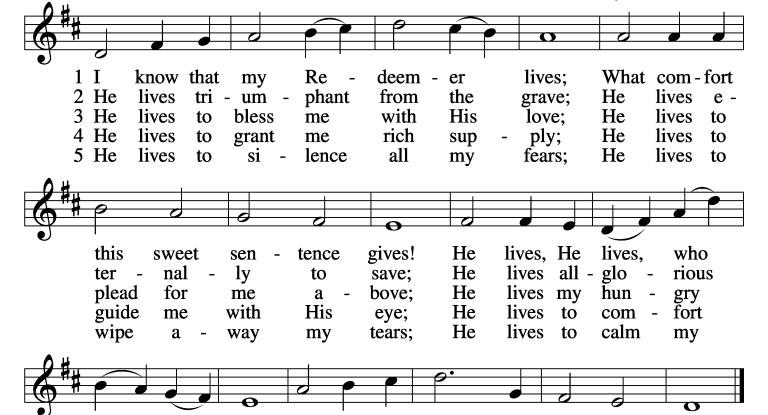
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- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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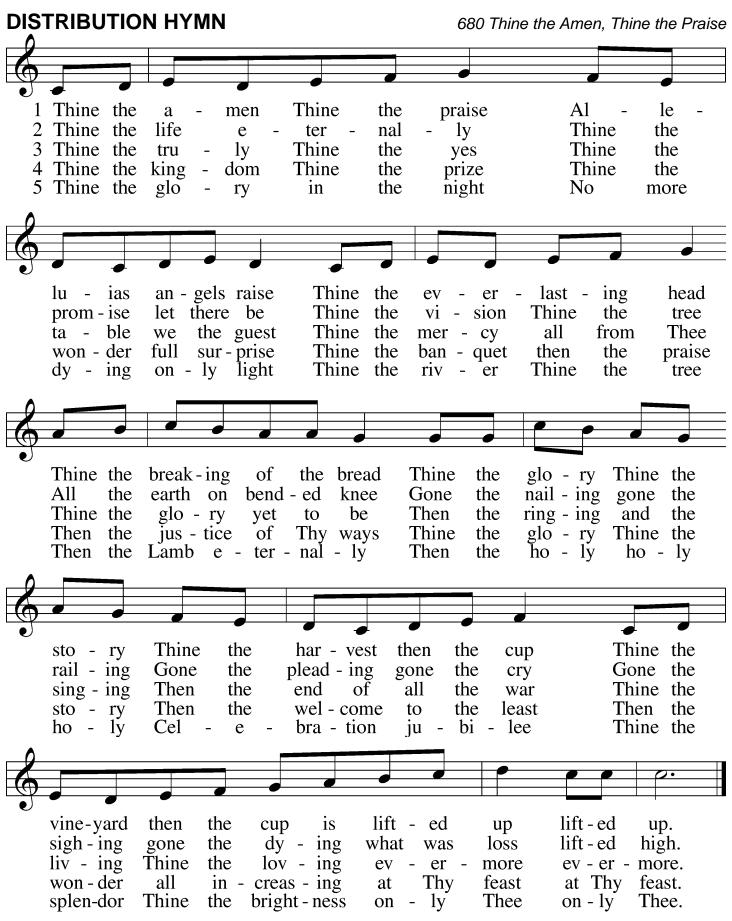
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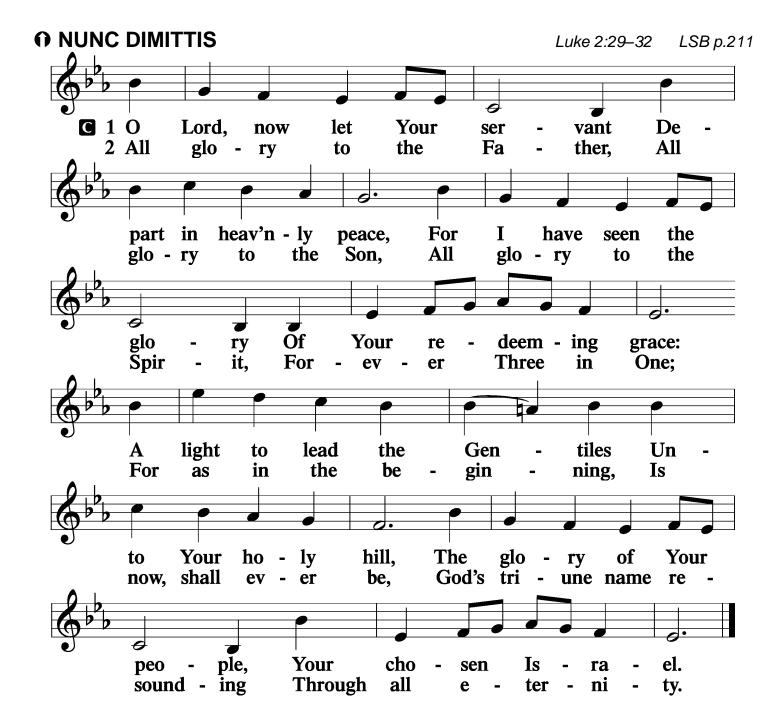




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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- 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 in 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.
- C Amen.

CLOSING RESPONSE

Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18; Matthew 25:13; Revelation 22:20-21

- P But let justice roll down like waters,
- and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
- P And so we will always be with the Lord.
- Therefore encourage one another with these words.
- P Watch therefore,
- for you know neither the day nor the hour.
- P He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
- P The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.
- C Amen.

O ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.





763 When Peace, like a River



- 1 When peace, like a riv er, at tend eth my way; When
- 2 Though Sa tan should buf fet, though tri als should come, Let
- 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo ri ous thought; My 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



bil-lows, roll; sor - rows, like sea What - ev - er mv lot, Thou hast blest as - sur-ance con-trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed this my part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, I clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!



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