#### **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.



#### **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)
- Premember 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)

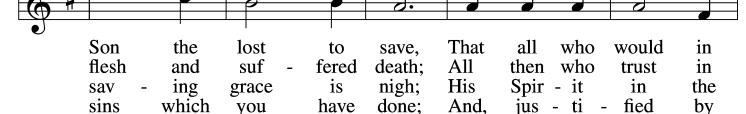
We know that your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.

### **HYMN OF PREPARATION**

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



- 1 God loved world He His the SO that on - ly gave 2 Christ Je is the ground of faith, Who was made sus 3 God would not have the sin die; His Son with ner
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For gives all





Him be - lieve Should last - ing life re - ceive. ev er Him a - lone Are built this chief cor on ner - stone. Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav en's heirs. sus' blood, high Your Bap - tism the grants est good.

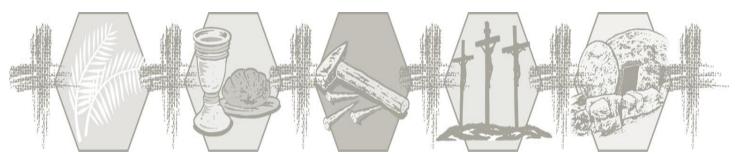
5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

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△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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## + PREPARATION +

● INVOCATION Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- In the name of the Father and of the 

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

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 124:8; Romans 10:13, 10

- Our help is in the name of the LORD,
- who made heaven and earth.
- L Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Psalm 91:9

- Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith and confess our sins unto God our Father, that we may receive His forgiveness.
- O God, we believe Your Word is true for it reveals our sin for which we deserve Your rebuke and judgment. Yet even more, we believe in Your promise of mercy and forgiveness for the sake of Christ. We therefore confess to You all our sins. We plead the suffering and sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as the all-sufficient price of our redemption, and beg Your grace and forgiveness for the sake of faith in our Savior alone. Hear us in Your mercy and according to Your promise in Christ, our Lord.
- "Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge," upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the 

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



### + WORD +

#### INTROIT FOR LENT 1

Psalm 91:9-13; antiphon: vv. 15-16

When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.

■ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For He will command His angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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.

When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation.

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## **KYRIE**

- L Lord, have mercy.
- Christ, have mercy.
- L Lord, have mercy.
- Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.
- L O LORD, hear our prayer.
- And let our cry come to You!

### **SALUTATION**

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray: Almighty God, You sent Your Son to be tempted by the devil, and by the power of Your Holy Word alone He defeated the old, evil foe for us. Increase our faith and confidence in Your mighty Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, that we may endure all temptation and remain true to Your call as members of Your family and the household of faith; 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**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

- The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, chapter 26.
  - ¹"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.
  - <sup>5</sup>"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."
- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
<sup>2</sup>I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place the Most High, who is my refuge—

<sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup>You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

EPISTLE Romans 10:8b–13

■ The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 10.

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

- Put on the whole armor of God,
- that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 4:1–13

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness <sup>2</sup>for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone." <sup>5</sup>And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve."

<sup>9</sup>And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,

to guard you,'

<sup>11</sup>and

"On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>12</sup>And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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





657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



- 1 A might y for tress is our God, A sword and shield vic 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -
- 3 Though hordes of dev ils fill the land All threat-'ning to de-
- 4 God's Word for ev er shall a bide, No thanks to foes, who



rious; He breaks the cruel rod wins sal op - pres - sor's And to cham-pion comes fight, Whom God Himject -But now ed. a to stand; They We trem - ble not, vour us, un - moved we can - not For God Him-self fights by With fear it: our side weap-ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of this world's ty - rant rage; o - ver - pow'r us. Let In bat - tle the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



With craft might He work and ful us woe. dread might -God's hosts is He. Christ Je Lord. sus. y God's en - gage. might doomed fail; we'll His is to Though life child. or spouse, be wrenched They way, a -



arms him - self fight. qual. to On earth he has no a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - ly Son. rious. must pre - vail! One lit - tle iudg - ment word sub - dues him. The King-dom's ours can - not win the day. for - ev er!

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**SERMON** 

Pastor Eugene Larmi



O CREED Nicene Creed LSB 174

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 \(\psi\) of the world to come. Amen.

### **O PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Lord God, almighty Father, we give You thanks for Your clear and mighty Word by which You brought the entire universe into being and also ourselves as individual members of the human family. More than that, however, we praise You for recreating us by faith in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be numbered among those counted already now as citizens of Your heavenly, eternal kingdom. Continue to form, guide, and direct us that we may be salt and light in this world, witnesses of Your eternal grace and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

We pray for Your whole church of every time and every place—all those who rejoice with us in the truth of Your Holy Word as well as those living amid the suppression of Your truth who are challenged for their faith in the clarity of Your Word by the lies and confusion of unbelief. Enlighten the testimony of steadfastness of faith in the face of all falsehood. Lord, in Your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

Enable all who preach and teach Your Law and Gospel, those called to administer Your Holy Sacraments, and every servant of Your people with the stamina and conviction required to faithfully convey Your Word of truth both in season and out of season so as to convince, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and patience. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

Graciously grant to our nation, our people, and those who lead and serve in public office wisdom to seek and acknowledge Your divine will, that justice and peace may prevail among all. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** hear our prayer.

I Grant Your healing and comfort to all who are sick or hospitalized, those cast down by sorrow or fear, and all who are in any need of body or spirit. Bless all who administer Your love in any way. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

We give thanks to You for all who have died with the sign of faith and are with You. As together we await the glorious day of the resurrection of all flesh and our entry into Your eternal kingdom, grant the peace of faith and trust in Your abiding presence to us who still contend for Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

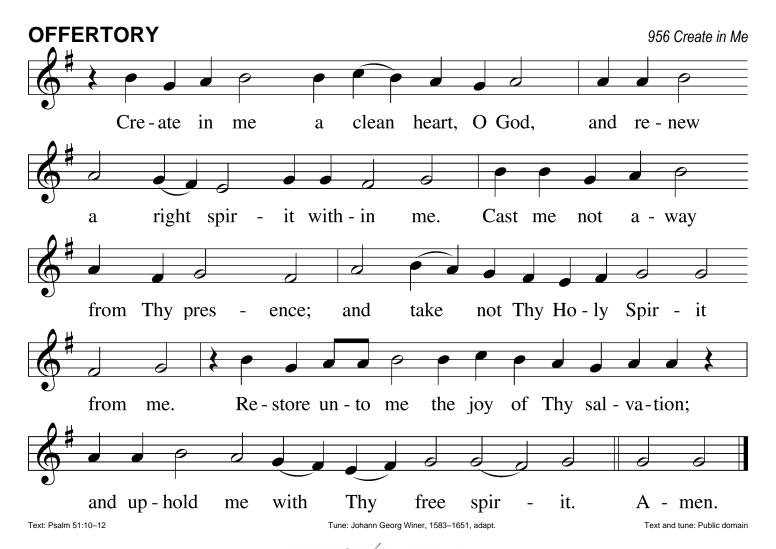
All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C Amen.

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# + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### **O PREFACE**





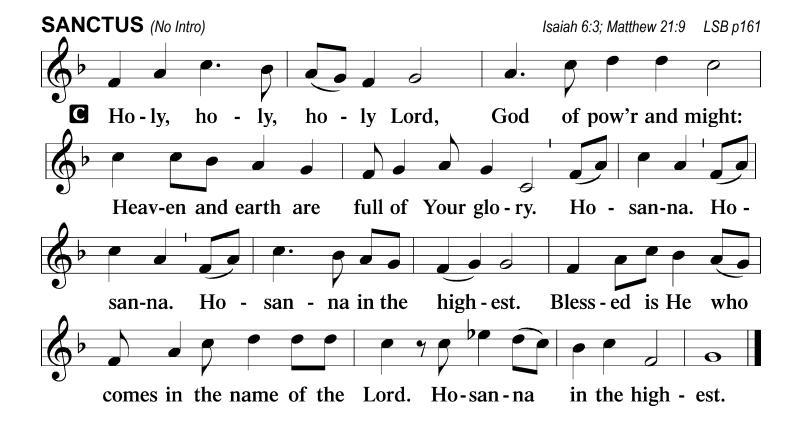
## + SACRAMENT +

### **PREFACE**

- **L** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **L** Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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.

G Amen.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25 LSB 162

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

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

Matthew 6:9–13 LSB p 162

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.

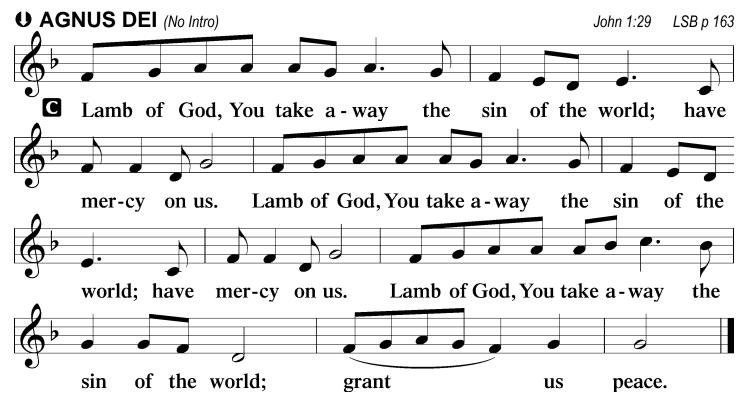


PAX DOMINI John 20:19 LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## WE SHARE THE PEACE





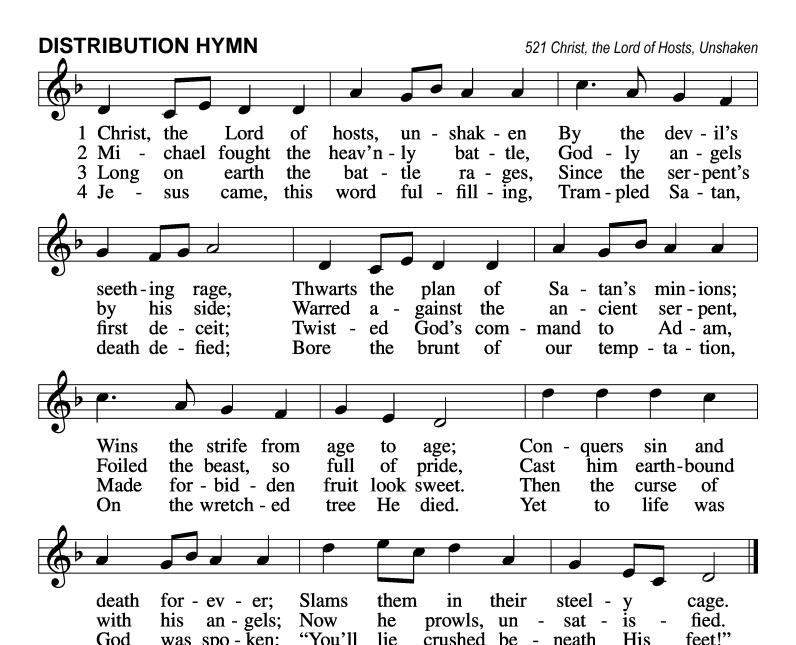
418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



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His

crushed be -

our

life

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant From his heav'nly perch on high, As the word of Jesus' vict'ry Floods the earth and fills the sky. Wounded by a wound eternal Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

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God

raised

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions When the foe would us enslave. Hold us fast when sin assaults us: Come, then, Lord, Your people save. Overthrow at last the dragon; Send him to his fiery grave.

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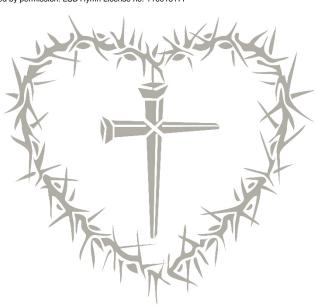


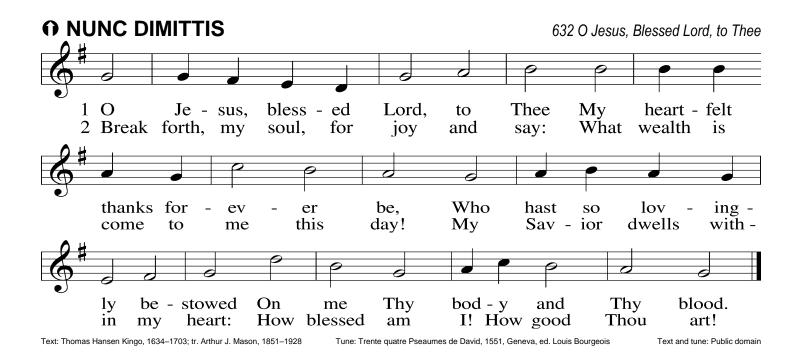
333 Once He Came in Blessing



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### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.
- We give thanks to You, almighty God, both for Your command to believe and for the faith to receive this salutary gift, and we pray that as Christ's redeemed people we may show forth the light of Your grace and love to our neighbors; 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

### **BENEDICAMUS**

- **I** Bless we the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB p 166

- C Amen.





- 1 Lord of our life and God of our sal va tion, Star of our 2 See round Your ark the hun-gry bil lows curl ing; See how Your
- 3 Lord, be our light when world-ly dark ness veils us; Lord, be our
- 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin ful thoughts are rag ing, Peace in Your



na - tion: Hear night and hope of ev - 'ry and re - ceive Your un - furl - ing And with great spite their foes their ban - ners are shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails And us; in the day when Church, our trou-bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, hell it - self as - sails us, end - less war is wag - ing,

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Lord God Al - might - y.
O Lord, pre - serve us.
Grant us Your peace, Lord:
Peace in Your heav - en.

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# **DISMISSAL**

- **L** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!



**POSTLUDE** 

714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

