

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 08, 2026

## WELCOME TO LAMB OF GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 baptized Christians 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.

## 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.**

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# PRELUDE

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

## HYMN (Full Intro)

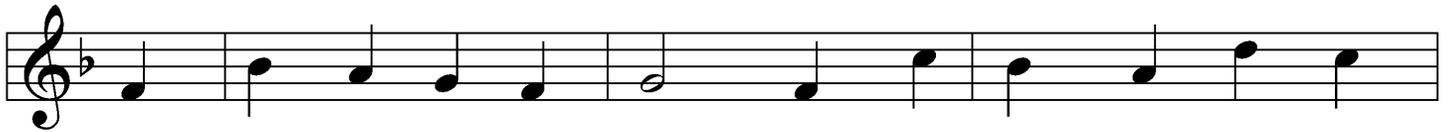
824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace



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,



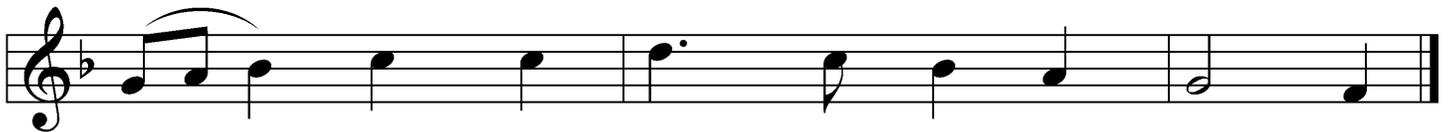
To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing  
The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the  
Thy Word is rich in bless - ing. May God the Fa - ther,



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!"

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## + PREPARATION +

### 🕯 INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

**C** Amen.

### CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 84:4-5*

**P** Blessed are those who dwell in Your house ever singing Your praise!

**C** **Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

**P** 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.

**P** May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.



# Forgiveness

## + WORD +

### KYRIE

Mark 10:47 LSB 152

**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.

**L** 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.

**L** 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.

### SALUTATION

LSB 156

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**L** Let us pray: Almighty God, You brought forth water to cover the earth, You brought the children of Israel through the Red Sea, and You made water to flow from the rock. Continue to provide us with water for every need, remind us of our Baptism into Christ, and help us to know with confidence Christ the rock who alone bestows the water of life; 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

*Exodus 17:1–7*

**L** The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, chapter 17.

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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

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

## PSALM

*Psalm 95:1–9; antiphon: v. 6*

**L** <sup>1</sup>Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

**C** <sup>6</sup>**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

<sup>7</sup>**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

**Today, if you hear his voice,**

<sup>8</sup>**do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

<sup>9</sup>**when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 5:1–8

**L** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 5.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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

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

## ↕ VERSE

John 4:23a

**C** **The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5–26

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman

said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

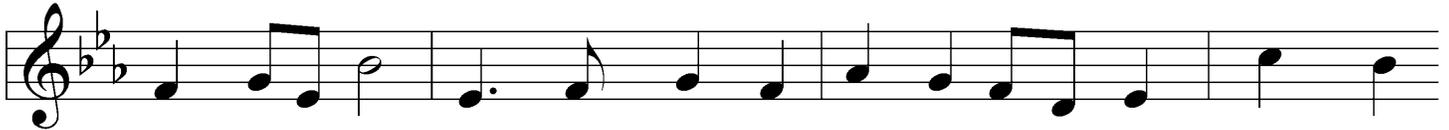


# HYMN OF THE DAY *(Short Intro)*

648 *Glorious Things of You Are Spoken*



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and  
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you  
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all  
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing  
mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,  
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er  
that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner  
glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's  
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the  
Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -  
All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.  
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.  
on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.  
last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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## SERMON

*Pastor Eugene Larmi*



# NICENE

## CREED

*Nicene Creed* LSB 206

### **☛ CREED**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## ⬇ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Having been led through the wilderness and brought into the light of God's presence, let us not fail to pray for the church, for our nation, for all the needs of the people, and for ourselves. That we long for the true and living water that is Jesus Christ and build our hopes upon Him who is the rock of our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That our curiosity for the things we are not given to know not distract us from Christ—the glory of the Father and the revelation of the Holy Spirit—that we might believe and be saved, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we address all the peoples of every nation with the Word of Christ and that they know with us the blessing of forgiveness, the gift of life, and the joy of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the pastors and church workers serve with faithfulness and that many be called and those preparing for church work blessed in their calling, and that all the schools of our church be blessed as they teach and learn God's Word with joyful hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the Lord visit with His mercy those of every need, relieving the suffering, giving peace to the dying, and consoling the grieving, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we be readied by the Spirit to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood in this Sacrament and that we live lives worthy of our calling as the people of His promise and the recipients of His mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That we rejoice at the daily bread supplied to us and remember to be grateful to the Lord who supplies all things needed for this body and life and be generous to those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Having known the goodness of the Lord in providing what we neither deserve nor dare ask apart from Christ, let us rejoice in His blessing and follow where He leads to everlasting light, as we look forward to the blessed reunion with those whom we love that have departed this life in faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

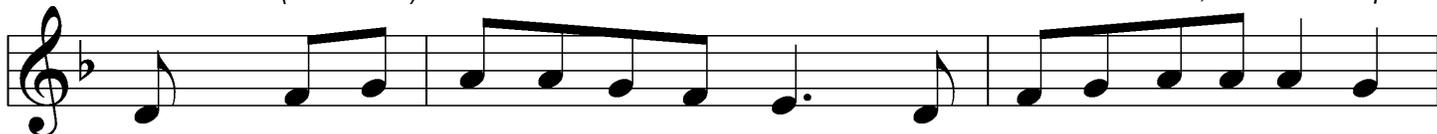
**C** **Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

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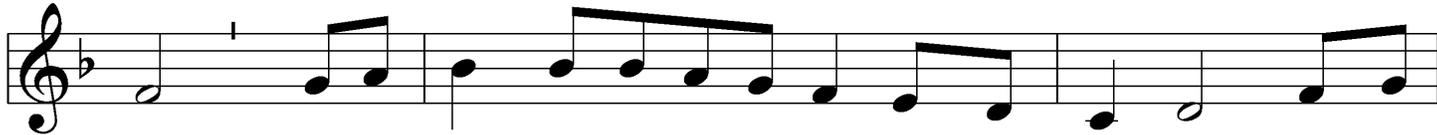
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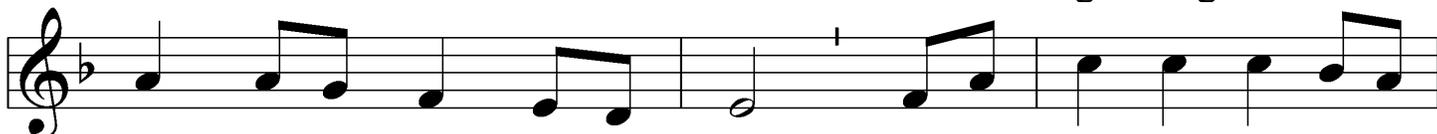
Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19 LSB p 159



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

### PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENT

*Matthew 5:23-24*

*<sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

*1 Corinthians 11:27-28*

*<sup>27</sup>Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup>Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### ⓘ PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 1:36*

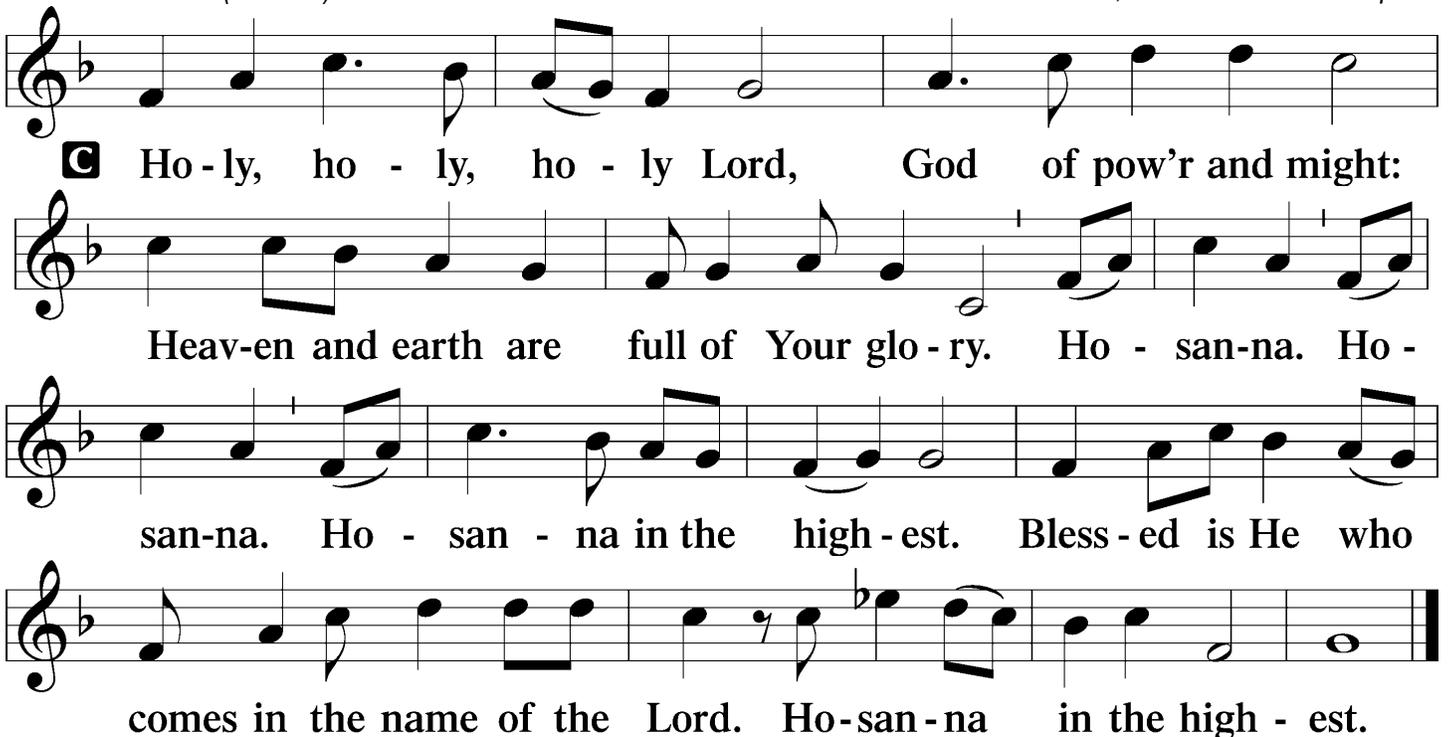
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

- P** Almighty Father, everlasting God, it is truly good, right, and fitting that we praise Your goodness forevermore, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the rock from whom the living water flows to grant us forgiveness, life, and salvation. As He has brought forth this saving water in Baptism and kept us in Your Word, grant that we may feast upon this foretaste of eternity in His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from sin. With the angels and archangels, with all those who have loved His appearing, and with the saints who dwell in Your nearer presence, we join our voices, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS *(No Intro)*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9 LSB p161*



**C** 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

LSB p161

**P** Father of mercies and God of all grace, You loved the world so that You gave to us Your only-begotten Son that all who believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Fill us with such a sense of Your mercy that we believe in Your Son, rejoice in His gifts and live in holy obedience to Him all the days of our lives. With the living water You have washed us clean and made us Your own people in Christ, and in Him You have kept us in the days of our wandering and still will keep us to everlasting life. Having fulfilled all things according to Your Word and having established a people to be His own, He set apart bread and wine that it may be to us according to Your Word, His flesh that satisfies our hunger and His blood that quenches us from all thirst. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25* 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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.



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

# LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13 LSB p 162

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



For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

# PAX DOMINI

John 20:19 LSB 163

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

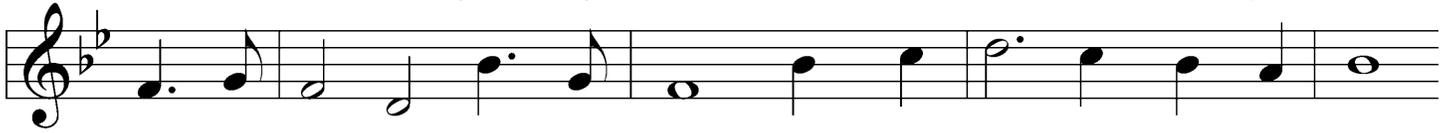
# AGNUS DEI (No Intro)

John 1:29 LSB p 163

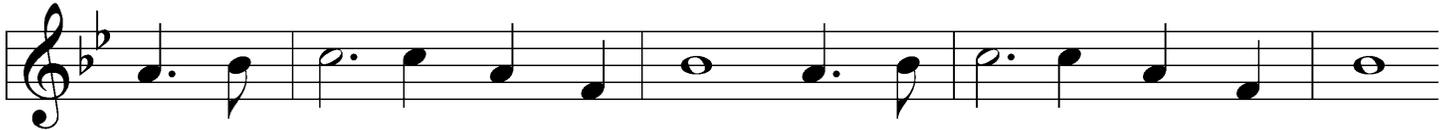
**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN *(Short Intro)*

761 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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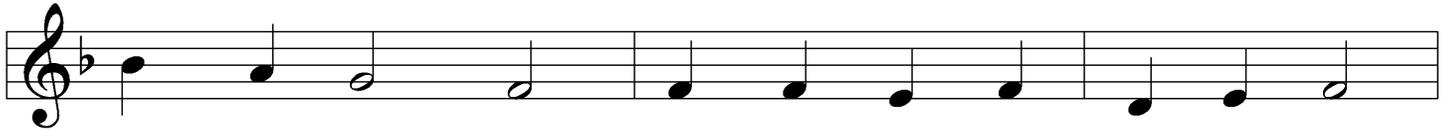


# DISTRIBUTION HYMN *(Long Intro)*

609 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
 For these words I now believe:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

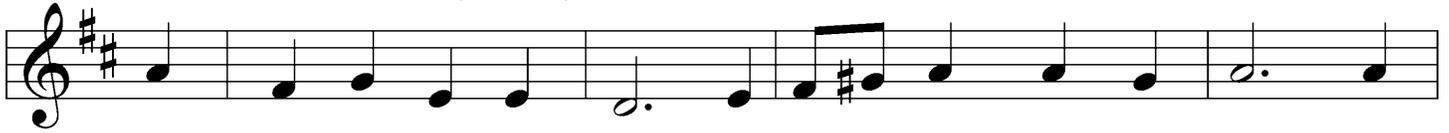
7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
 Also I have been forgiven;  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
 From the Law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ hath purchased my release  
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.



# DISTRIBUTION HYMN *(Full Intro)*

535 *How Wide the Love of Christ*



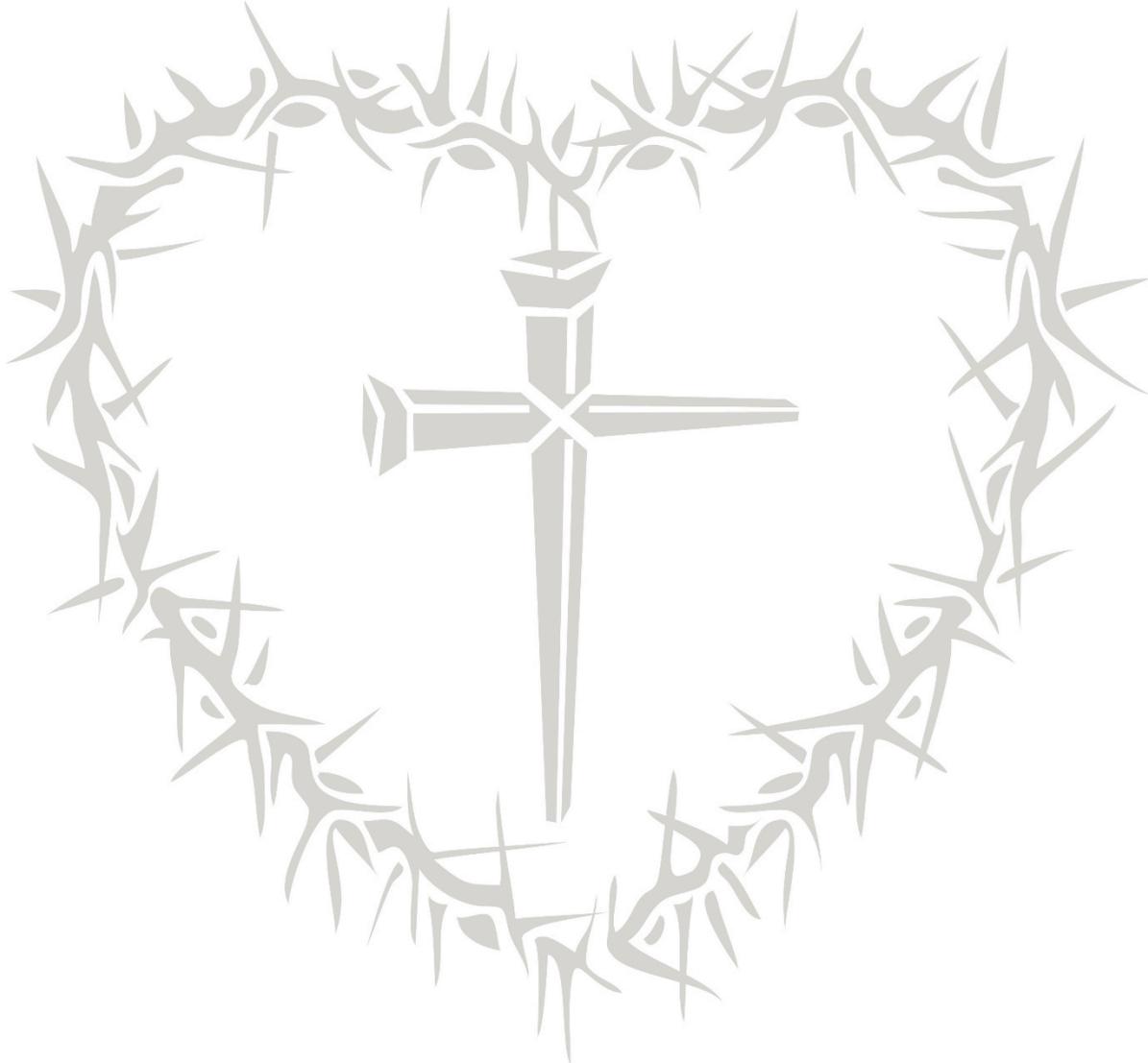
1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But  
2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -  
3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And  
4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He  
5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose



holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.  
til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.  
yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea - sured mer - cy pours.  
bears with - in His wound - ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.  
length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

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# ♩ NUNC DIMITTIS (Short Intro)

Luke 2:29-32 LSB p.211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.



## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, the beginning and the end, the bright morning star, the rock from whom springs living water, and the tree of life for the healing of the nations, grant that Your people may ever rejoice in Your grace and live within the favor of Your love around the Word and Sacraments that alone nourishes us to everlasting life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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### BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26 LSB p 166*

**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.



**THE LORD**  
BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU  
MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU  
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU  
LOOK UPON YOU WITH FAVOR  
AND GRANT YOU HIS PEACE

*Numbers 6:24-26*

# DISMISSAL HYMN *(Full Intro)*

597 *Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying*



1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness  
2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that  
3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of  
4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged  
5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and



tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing  
Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried  
death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us  
sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing  
its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing



Life has come, with life for all.  
Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.  
With His bod - y and His blood.  
Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.  
Life has come, with life for all.

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## DISMISSAL

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



## POSTLUDE

433 *Glory Be to Jesus*