

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, MENASHA, WI
REFORMATION SUNDAY
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022



DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Three

PASTORAL GREETING

Stand

HYMN OF INVOCATION

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let re - main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - fect ed;
All ea - ger to de - vour us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

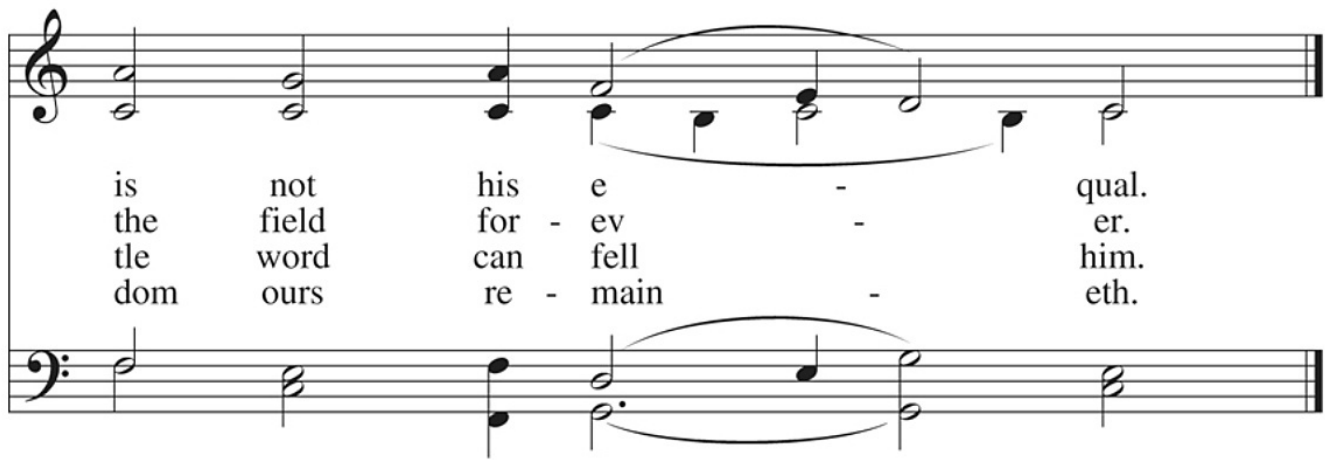
He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
But for us fights the val - iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed - is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✙ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Hebrews 10:22

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 temporal and eternal punishment. 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.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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. *John 20:19-23*

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

C I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

C Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

P The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

ALL 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.

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,
and shall not be put to shame.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a Soprano staff and a Bass staff. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second system also has a Soprano staff and a Bass staff. The lyrics are: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The piano accompaniment is simple, using chords and single notes to support the vocal lines.




1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 Δ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



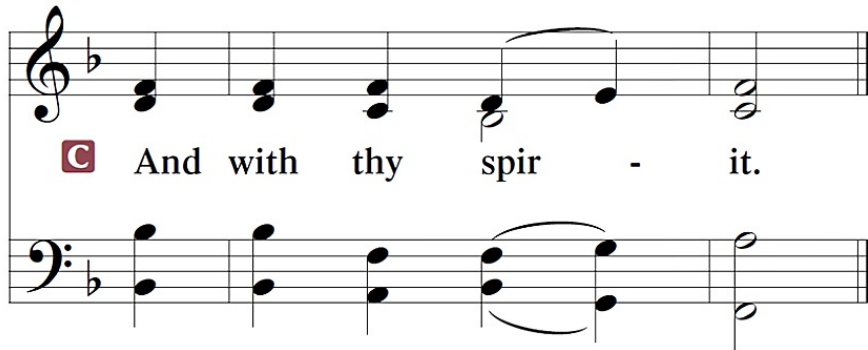
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.

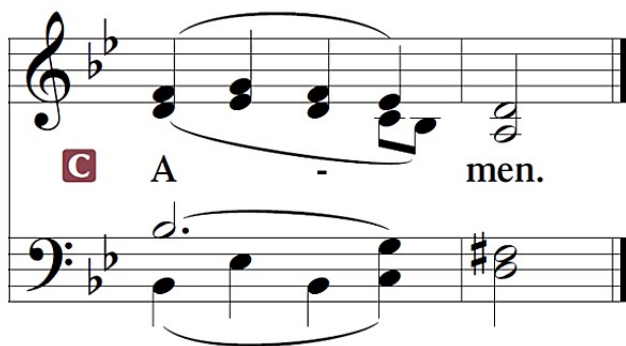
2 Timothy 4:22



P Let us pray.

The COLLECT OF THE DAY is spoken or chanted.

A Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

FIRST READING ~ Revelation 14:6–7

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people.
⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a

P Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,
consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
that this is God, our God forever and ever.

EPISTLE ~ Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The musical score for the Alleluia is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia.' repeated three times. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

HOLY GOSPEL ~ Matthew 11:12-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

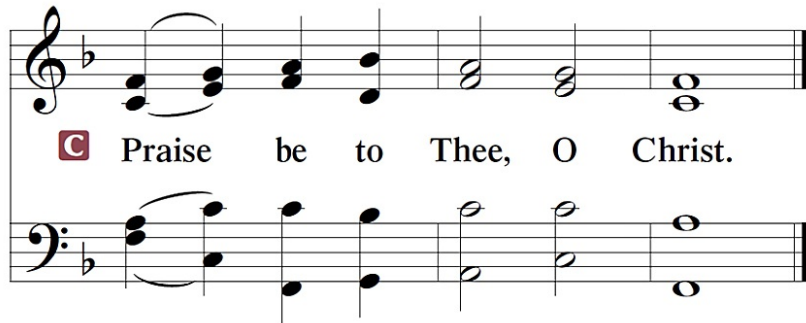
C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical score for the Holy Gospel is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' written below the treble staff.

¹² [Jesus said:] “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷ “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’” ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



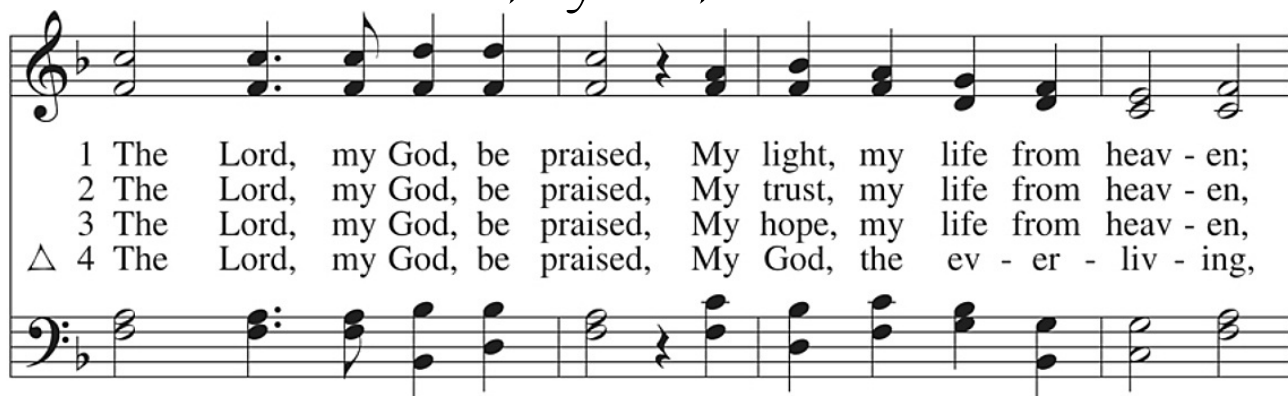
APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

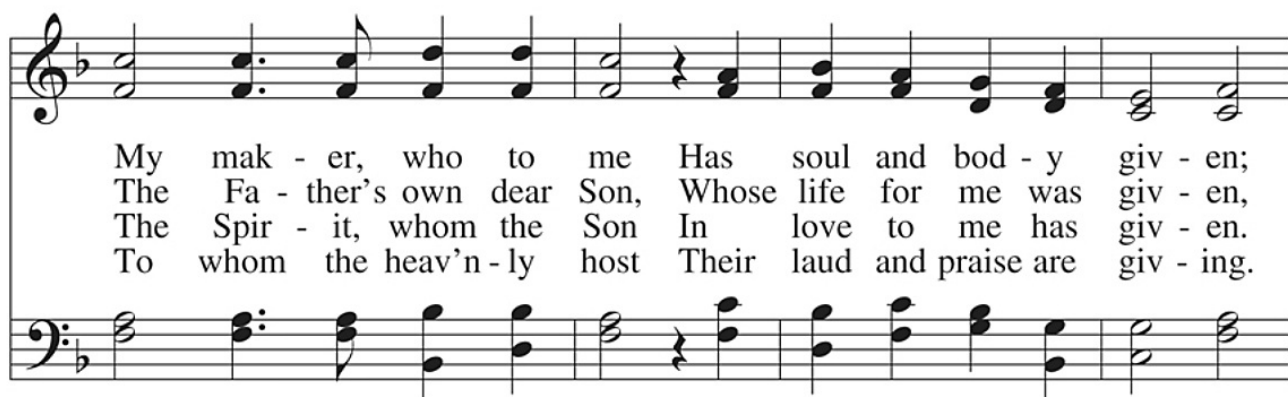
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen

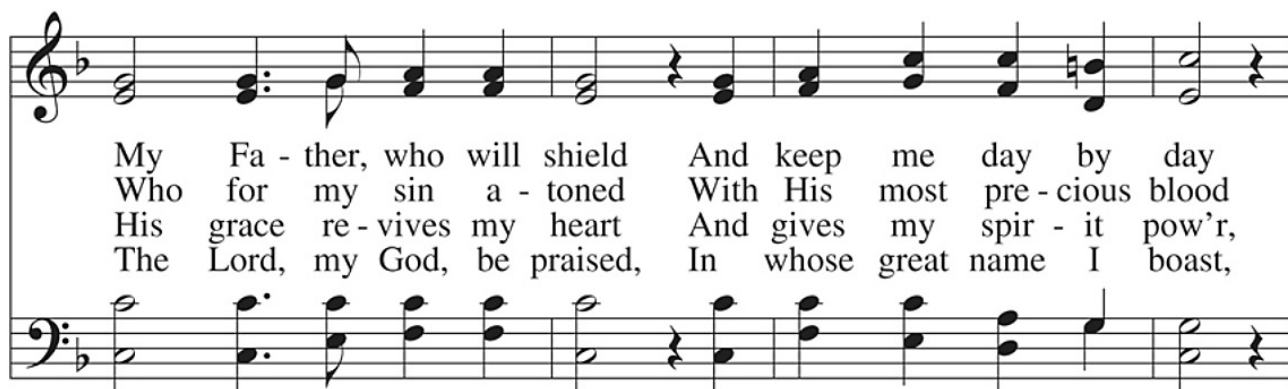
Sit



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
 Δ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

Stand

P The peace of God, that passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERING

As the offering plates are brought forward, the OFFERTORY is sung.

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*In the best practice of the Church of all Ages,
Christian names are used in the Prayer of the Church.
Please refer to your bulletin for the full names
of those for whom we pray.*



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with thy spir - it.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]

It is meet and right so to do.

C It is meet and right so to do.

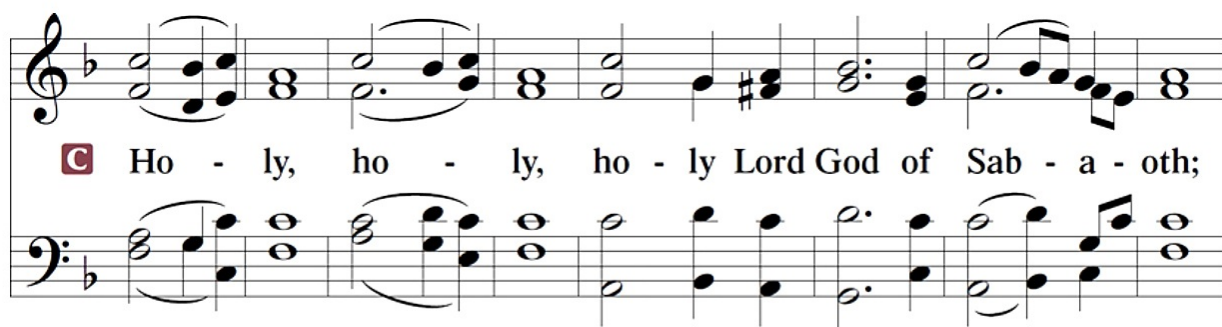
Meet means “fitting, proper.”

The Proper Preface appropriate to the day or season is spoken:


P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

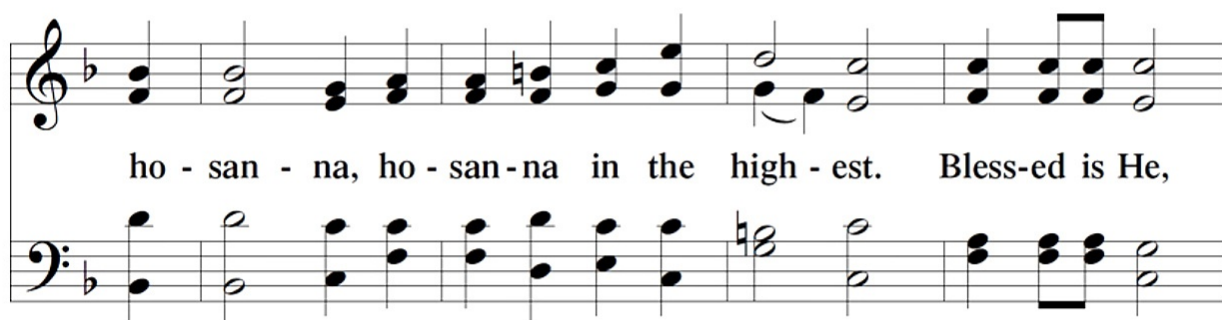
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



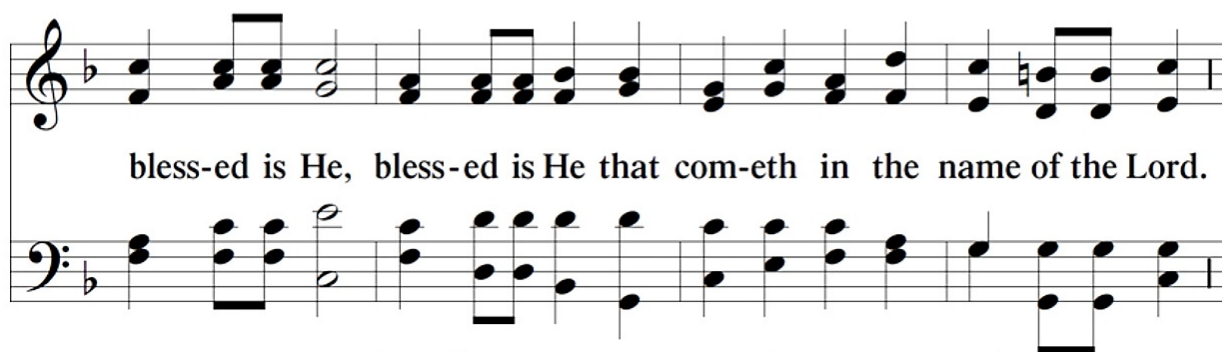
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Sabaoth (SAH-bay-oath) is Hebrew for “heavenly hosts.”
Hosanna is a Hebrew word of praise meaning “save us now.”

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,
 Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it
 is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;
 and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who
 tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to
 temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from ✠ e - vil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the'. The second system contains the lyrics 'glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.' The music is written in a simple, clear style, suitable for a hymn book.

Sola Gratia
GRACE ALONE

A large red cross symbol is positioned above the text 'Sola Gratia'. The text 'Sola Gratia' is written in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below it, the words 'GRACE ALONE' are written in a smaller, all-caps, serif font, underlined.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  bod-y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al- so
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

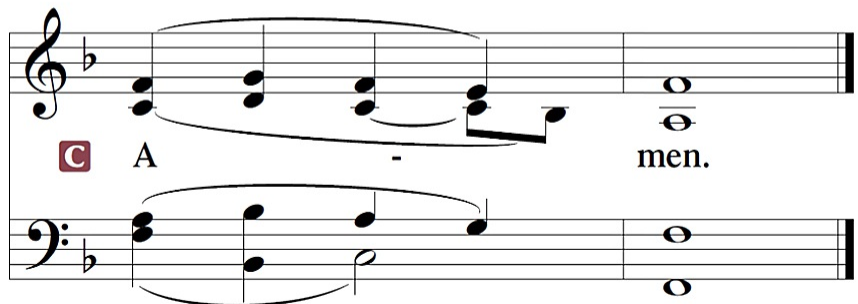
The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some rests. Vertical bar lines are placed at the end of each staff and at the end of each line of text. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words spanning across staff boundaries. A red 'P' in a square box marks the beginning of the text. A red cross symbol is used to represent the word 'cross' in the lyrics.

PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19



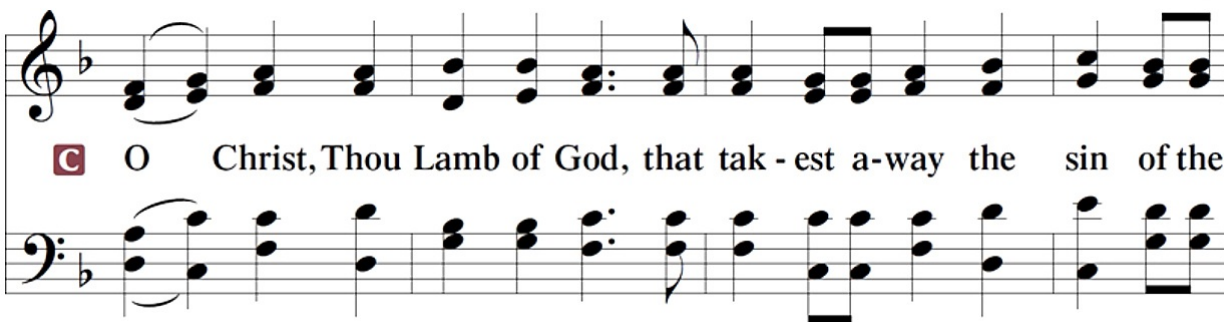
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



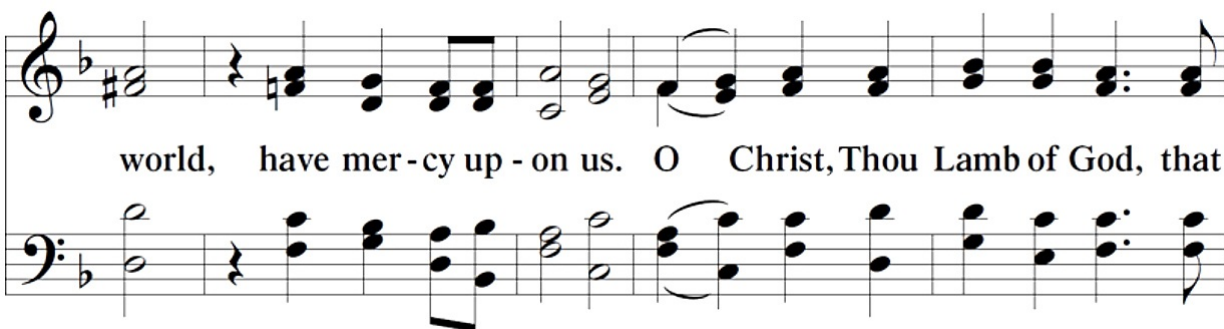
C A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

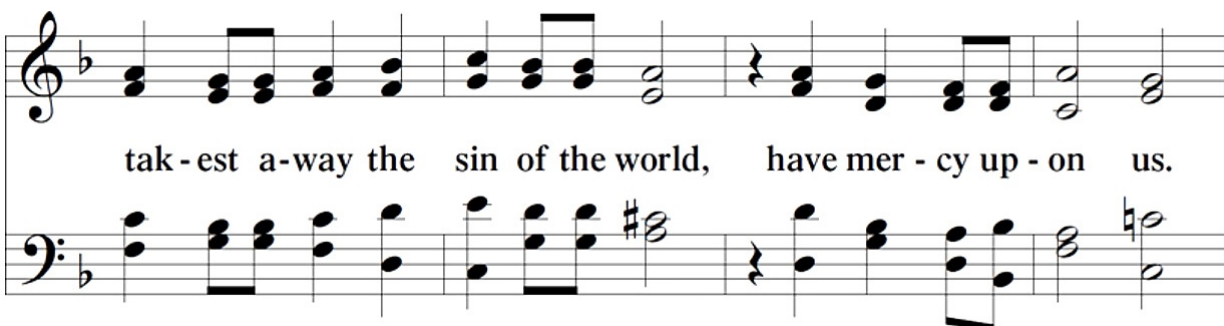
John 1:29



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



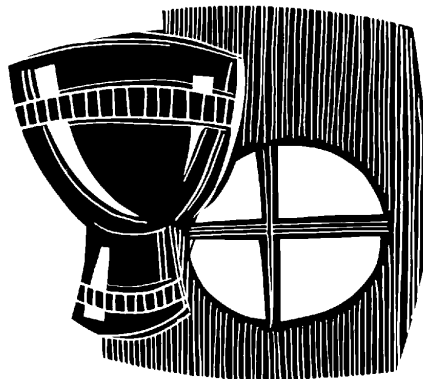
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

- P** Take and eat, this is the true body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
C Amen.
- P** Take and drink, this is the true blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, poured out for you for the forgiveness of your sins.
C Amen.






1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



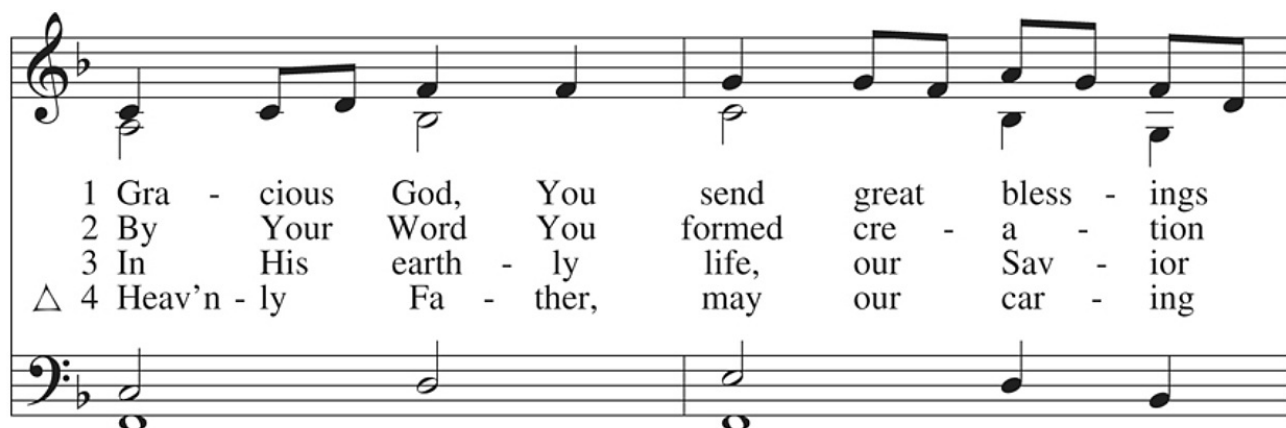
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



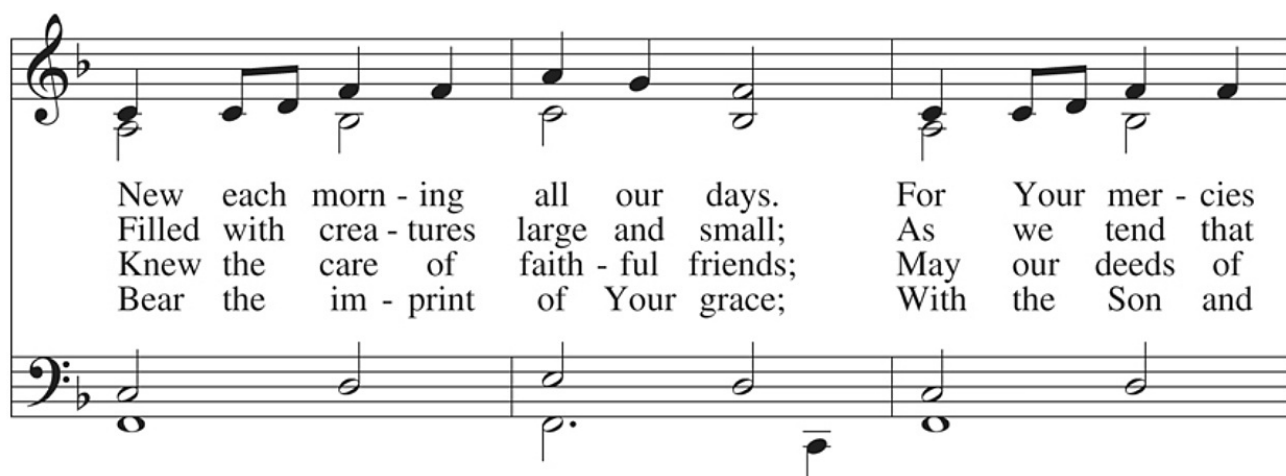
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,




glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
 Δ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

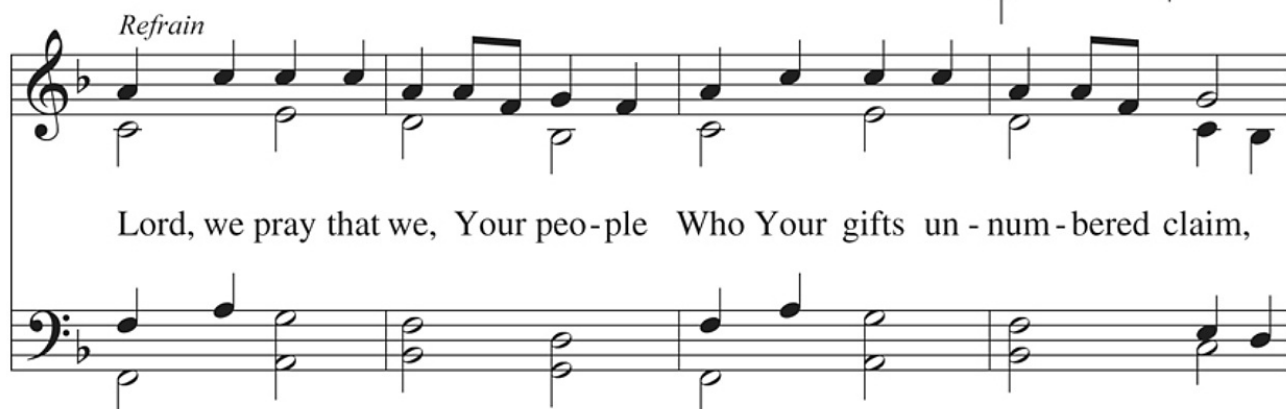


New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,



Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je-sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, Send peace and

by de- ceit or sword Would wrest the king-dom from Your
 Lord of lords a-lone; De-fend Your ho-ly Church that
 u-ni-ty on earth; Sup-port us in our fi-nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e-ter-nal-ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the one true Faith unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

The first system of musical notation for 'NUNC DIMITTIS' consists of a treble and bass staff in D major (two sharps). The treble staff begins with a C-clef and the bass staff with a B-clef. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -' are written below the notes.

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody. It features a treble and bass staff in D major. The lyrics 'cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,' are written below the notes.

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

The third system of musical notation continues the melody. It features a treble and bass staff in D major. The lyrics 'which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,' are written below the notes.

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

The fourth system of musical notation continues the melody. It features a treble and bass staff in D major. The lyrics 'a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy' are written below the notes.

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1

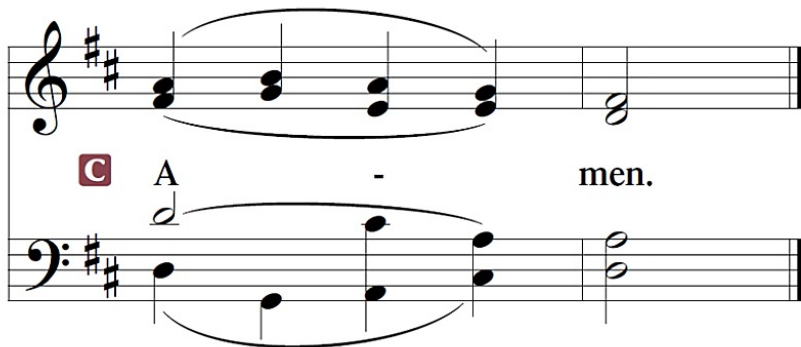
A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

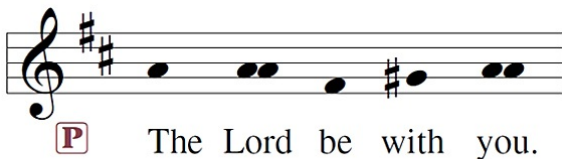
The following is said or chanted:

A Let us pray.

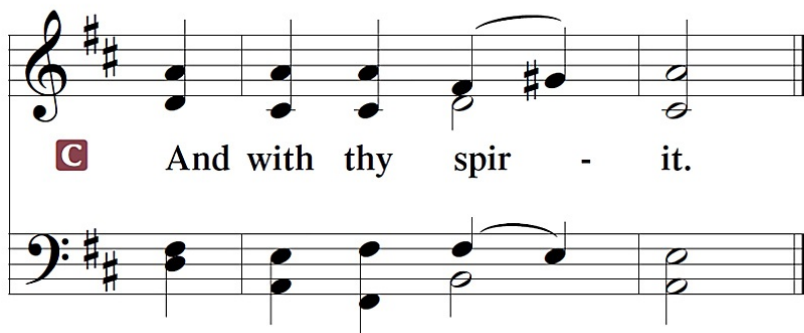
A O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS



2 Timothy 4:22



Bless we the Lord.


[Psalm 103:1]

C Thanks be to God.


The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Thanks be to God.' It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major, indicated by two sharps (F# and C#) in the key signature. The time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics 'Thanks be to God.' are written below the staves, with a red square containing a white 'C' symbol at the beginning of the first line.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

The first line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of the following notes: a quarter note G4, a half note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a quarter note B3. The lyrics 'The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make' are written below the staff, with a red 'P' in a box under the first note.

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  give you peace.

C A - men, a - men, a - men.

Sit

✠ *Soli Deo Gloria* ✠

1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim

But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.

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On the next page you will find a series of Scripture readings and prayers for the coming week. May they be a blessing to you. God grant you joy in His glorious resurrection and the power of His Spirit!

**THE TWENTIETH WEEK AFTER PENTECOST
THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 30 – NOVEMBER 5**

Opening Versicle

O ✠ Lord, open my lips:

And my mouth shall declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

Make haste to help me, O Lord.

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

Alleluia!

Psalm for the Week

Psalm 130

Hymn for the Week

LSB 728

Readings

Morning

Evening

SUN

Deut. 31:30-32:27

Matthew 20:1-16

MON

Deuteronomy 32:28-52

Matthew 20:17-34

TUE

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Matthew 21:1-22

WED

Jeremiah 1:1-19

Matthew 21:23-46

THU

Jeremiah 3:6-4:2

Matthew 22:1-22

FRI

Jeremiah 5:1-19

Matthew 22:23-46

SAT

Jeremiah 7:1-29

Matthew 23:1-12

Creed, Canticle & Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Our Father & Collect

O Lord, stir up the hearts of Your faithful people to welcome and joyfully receive Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that He may find in us a fit dwelling place; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

The Morning or Evening Prayers (located on the back cover) may be prayed.

Prayers for special needs may also be said. (See pgs. 305-318 in LSB)

Blessing

O Lord, hear my prayer.

And let my cry come before You.

Let us bless the Lord.

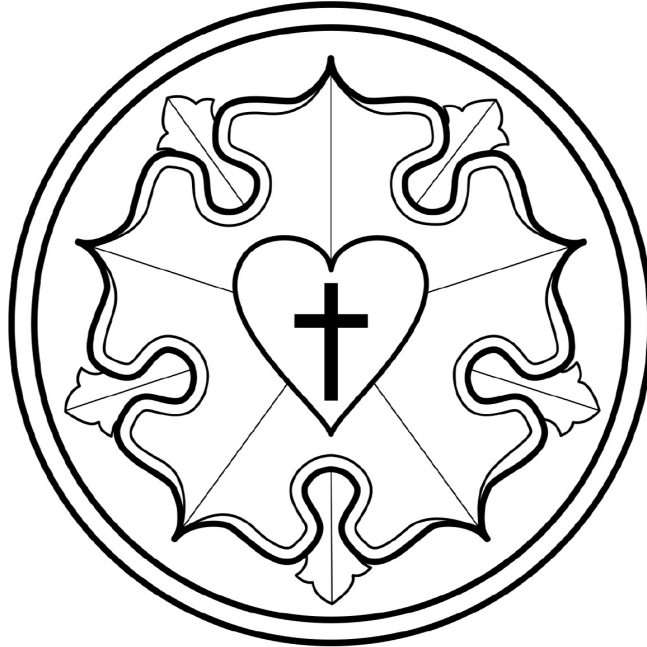
Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, order our days and our deeds in His peace.

Amen

LUTHER SEAL

What does this mean?



Excerpts from Luther's interpretation...

THE BLACK CROSS IN A HEART

retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For one who “believes from the heart will be justified” (Rom. 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. “The just shall live by faith” (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified.

A WHITE ROSE

shows that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give

peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (Matt. 28:3; John 20:12).

THE SKY-BLUE FIELD

symbolizes that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed.

A GOLDEN RING

around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology].