Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany/ Confirmation of Skyla, Noah, and Becky February 12, 2023 10:30 a.m. Service



"This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live..."

---Deuteronomy 30:19

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 'HEARING, SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL'



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You are invited to use the yellow Prayer Cards located in the pew for prayer requests. Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

* Please turn off cellphones*

Holy Communion is offered today:

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to live anew to God and others in love and

service?" In our 'yes' to these questions we join in a close and holy communion – a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" — if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord's Supper and you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or come forward with hands folded for a blessing or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. For those who so desire, the cups in the center have water infused with a drop of wine. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice.)

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/ CONFIRMATION OF SKYLA, NOAH, AND BECKY

Divine Service – Setting Two February 12, 2023 10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 167

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

- P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ★ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

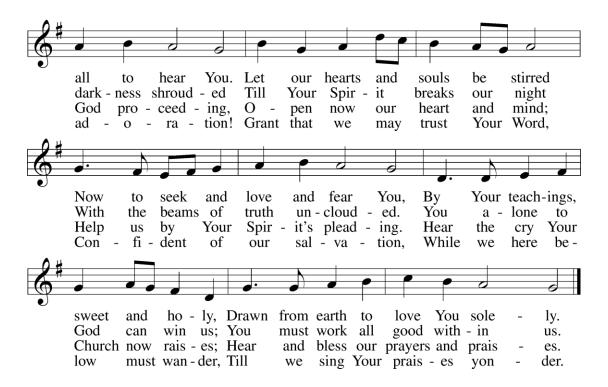
Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Opening Hymn

LSB 904 sts. 1-4

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"





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Stand

- + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + LSB 167
- **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.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word. Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

 LSB 292
- C Amen.
- **P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?
- **C** Yes. *LSB* 293
- P Let it be done for you as you believe.
- P Almighty God in His LSB 167 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.

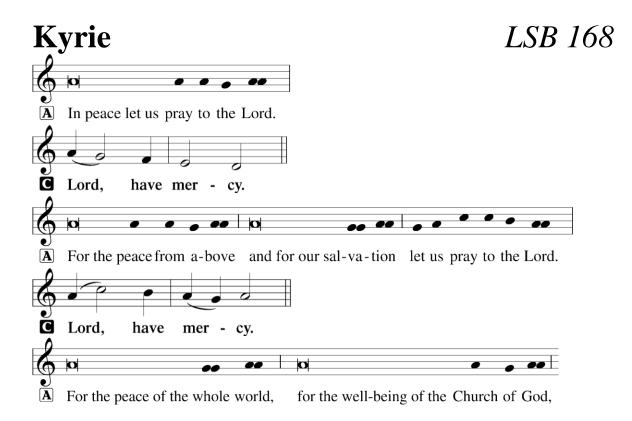
C Amen.

- + SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 168
 Introit Ps. 198:7-9; antiphon: Ps. 98:2

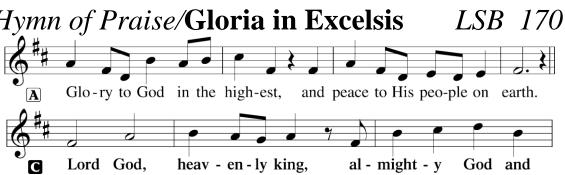
 P The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!
- P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.
- **C** He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

P G 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.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB 172

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. 16 For I command you today to love the LORD your

God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

17 But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, 18 I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

19 This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice,

and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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

Gradual *Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

A C Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 3 Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly – mere infants

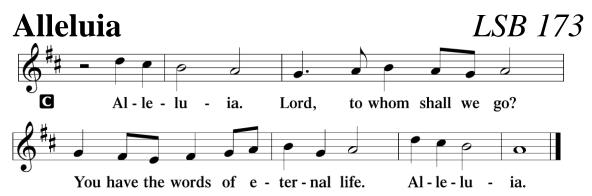
in Christ. 2 I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans? 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings? 5 What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you

Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe – as the Lord has assigned to each his task. 6 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 7 So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. 8 The one who plants and the one who

waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. 9 For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

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



21 "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' 22 But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

23 "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

25 "Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw

it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

31 "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' 32 But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 33 "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by

your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

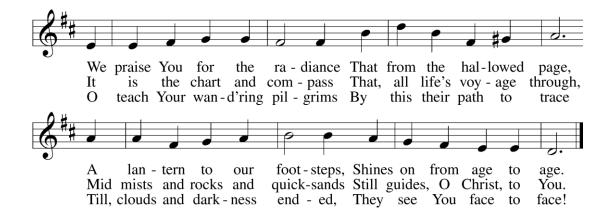
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit Hymn of the Day

LSB 523 sts. 1-3





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Sermon Pastor Tom Rhodes "How You Live Shows What You Believe"

+ CONFIRMATION + LSB 272

(The catechumens come to the altar rail, and the pastor addresses the catechumens saying:)

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

- P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

 P Yes, I do.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- R Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works and all his ways?
- R Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- R Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- R Yes, I believe 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.
- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? R Yes, 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.

- P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R I do.
- P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R I do.
- P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R I do, by the grace of God.

- P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R I do, by the grace of God.
- P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

 P I do, by the grace of God.
- P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

(The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing and passage of Holy Scripture. The pastor places his hand over the heads of the catechumens and makes the sign of the cross while saying:)

P Skyla/Noah/Becky, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ▶ everlasting.

Congregation Stand

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your son and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them all with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

- Peace ▶ be with you.
- C Amen.

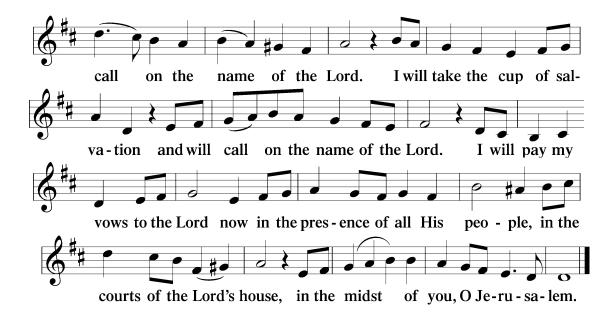
(The confirmed return to their seats)

Offering LSB 176

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plate in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Offertory *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176*





Stand

Prayer of the Church

LSB 175

P In Your mercy, O Lord, hear the prayers of Your people as we call to You on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

Brief silence

- P Holy Lord, You have set before us life and good, death and evil. Grant to Your people faith in Christ, our Savior, and the desire to love You above all things and loving our neighbor as Your Son has loved us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You invite us to freely come and hear Your Word. Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Just as You have done with those newly confirmed in their faith in You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

P Mighty Lord, Your power is greater than the works of man. Guide and direct those whom we have elected to serve us on all levels of government. Protect those who defend us against our enemies, and bless the emergency personnel who come to our aid in times of disaster and need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful Lord, You do not forget the poor or needy. Help us to remember those who suffer any want or need, especially the homeless, victims of abuse, the widowed, the orphaned and the unemployed, and help us to aid them with the manifold resources You have supplied. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Healing Lord, You are our very present help in time of need. Deliver the sick in mind or body from their ills according to Your mercy, comfort those who sorrow, and have mercy on those to whom death draws near, especially those on our prayer list and prayer cards. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Eternal Lord, we recall with thanksgiving all those who have loved Your appearing and who have departed this life in faith. We pray You to keep us in fellowship with them and, at the last, to bring us with them to the marriage supper of the Lamb in Your Kingdom, which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You know before we pray the needs of Your people. Hear our prayers, for we trust in You to grant to us all things needful for this body and life and to bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

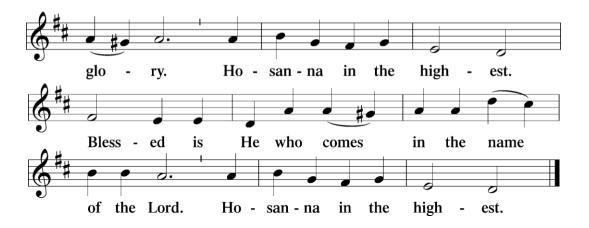
C Amen.

- + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT + LSB 177 **Preface**
- **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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9; LSB 178





Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

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.

Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **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.

The Words of Our Lord LSB 179

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."

P 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."

Pax Domini *John 20:19, LSB 180*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

John 1:29, LSB 180 **Agnus Dei** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy Lamb of God, You take a-way the on us. sin of the world; have mer-cy Lamb of on us. sin God, You take a - way the of the world: grant peace, grant us us peace.

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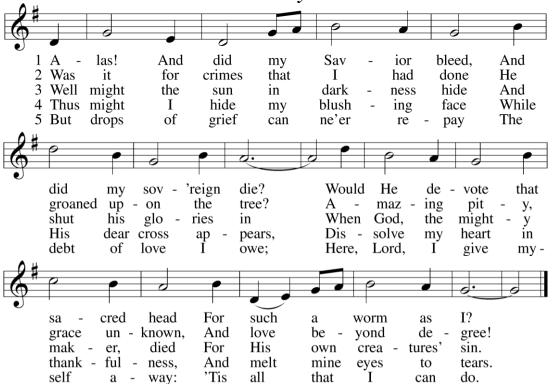
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(The confirmands and their families will comprise the first table for distribution of Holy Communion)

Distribution Hymn

LSB 437 sts. 1-5

"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"



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(requested) LSB 629 sts. 1-5 Distribution Hymn "What Is This Bread" Christ's bod - y 1 What this bread? is 2 What is this wine? The blood of 3 So who I, That I should am 4 Yet is God here? Oh. yes! By 5 Is this for me? for am we break, en from the This bread ris dead: Je - sus shed for mine; of The cup grace He should die and Un - der the rod? Word and prom - ise clear, mouth and soul giv - en and set free! do be - lieve pay for our This life we take. Was crushed to life and love un - til Brings His em - brace Of Ι God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en My tru - ly He makes us whole— Christ, pres - ent in That Ι re - ceive His ver - v bod - y and His lease. O taste and see the Lord is peace. the Lord is sing! O taste and see— King. the Lord is me? O taste and see free. the Lord is meal. O taste and see real.

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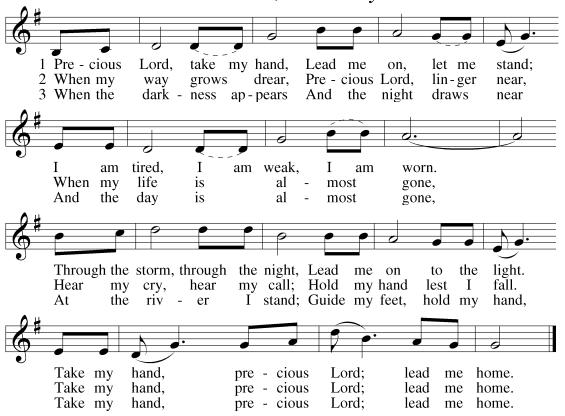
taste and see—

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Distribution Hymn

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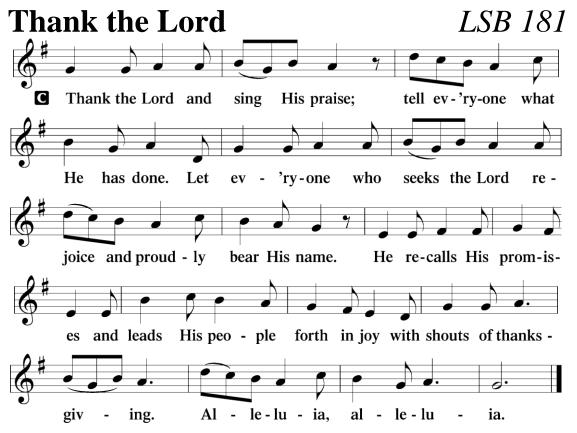
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"



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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle



Post-Communion Collect

LSB 183

- P Let us pray.
- P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's

body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ▶ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 922 sts. 1-4

(to the tune of LSB 877)

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"



- 1 Go, My chil dren, with My bless ing, Nev er a lone.
- 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for giv en, At peace and pure.
- 3 Go, My chil dren, fed and nour ished, Clos er to Me;

 △ 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er. heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry. Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you. Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing—You are My own.

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