

**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 18, 2021    10:30 a.m. Service**


  
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 will be **PREACHED**  
**NAME**  
 in his **Jesus**  
 to all nations...  
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***'HEARING, SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL.'***



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### *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 and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice).

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Service – Setting Three

April 18, 2021 10:30 a.m.

## *Welcome & Announcements*

+ INVOCATION +

*LSB 184*

*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.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**[C]** **Amen.**

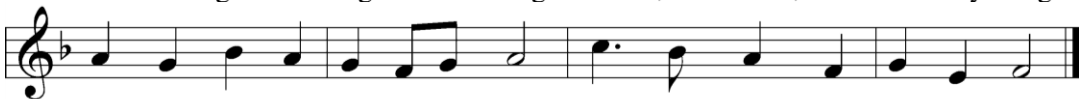
## *Opening Hymn*

*LSB 469 sts. 1-6*

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”*



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our Sun’s e - clipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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*Stand*

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *LSB 184*

**[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.** *Psalm 124:8*

**[P]** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**[C]** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**  
*Psalm 32:5*

*(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)*

**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** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. *LSB 292*

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness? *LSB 293*

**C** Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** Upon this your confession, *LSB 185*  
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 + *LSB 186*

**Introit** *Ps. 30:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 16:11b*

**P** In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your  
right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**C** I extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me  
up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**P** O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and  
you have healed me.

**C** O LORD, you have brought up my soul from  
Sheol; you restored me to life from among those  
who go down to the pit.

**P** Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and  
give thanks to his holy name.

**C** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**P C** 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** In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47, LSB 186*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

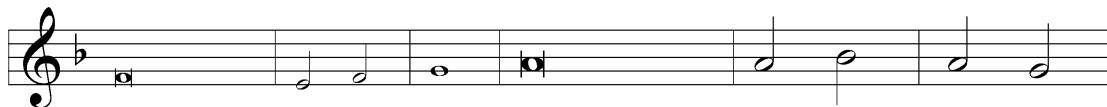


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



# Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis

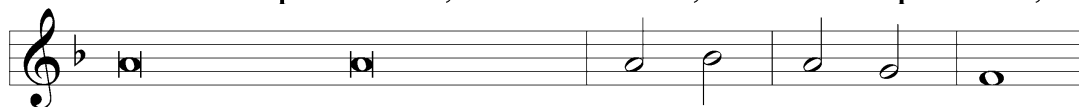
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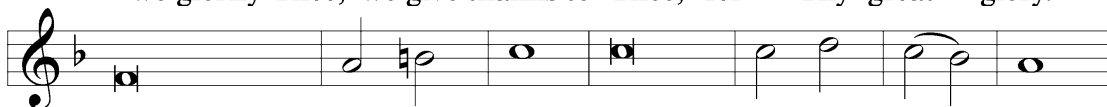
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



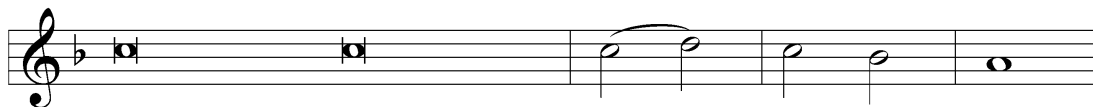
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



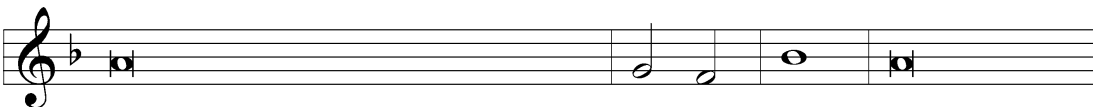
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



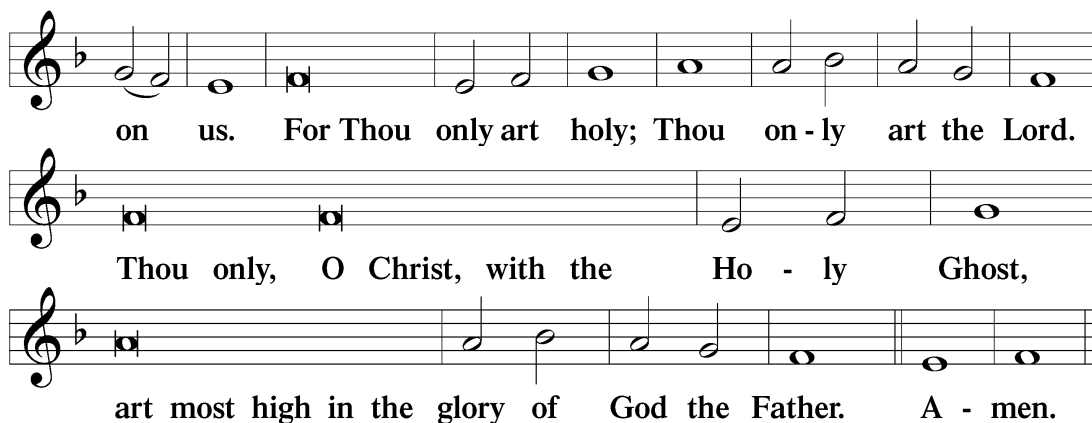
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



## Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 189*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **First Reading**

*Acts 3:11-21*

11 While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or

godliness we had made this man walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

17 “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. 18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, 20 and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you --- even Jesus.

21 Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual** *adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

**A C** Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

## **Second Reading**

*1 John 3:1-7*

3 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4 Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. 5 But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. 6 No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*Rom. 6:9, Luke 24:32*

**P C** Alleluia. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 24:36-49*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

*LSB 190*

36 While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

37 They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

40 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. 41 And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he took it and ate it in their presence. 44 He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance

for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*LSB 191*

*Sit*

*Hymn of the Day*

*LSB 475 sts. 1-4*

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”*



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joyce and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
strew His way; Let all the world re-joyce and say:  
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:





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**Sermon**

**Pastor Tom Rhodes**

## **“A New Reality”**

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**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 191*

**☩ 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.**

## **Offering**

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal  
stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please  
use the offering plates 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

*LSB 192*



**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 -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

*LSB 193*

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Heavenly Father, with joy the Church continues to celebrate the new reality of the resurrection victory of Your beloved Son. In Your mercy grant us grace each day to die in sin and rise to newness of life with Him. May You grant us continued growth in repentant living. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Fountain of mercy, You call Your people to love and serve those in need. Pour out Your blessing on all the mercy ministries of Christ's Church, that many may come to know and praise Your unspeakable kindness and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** King of kings and Lord of lords, to You we commend our public servants in this land. Bless and prosper them in their callings. Hinder everything in our common life that is contrary to

Your will, and establish and strengthen every good endeavor. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of kindness and compassion, Your Son throughout His ministry healed the sick and relieved the distressed. Remember in tenderness those who are in need of His healing and comfort today, especially those on our prayer list and cards. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, grant them grace to entrust themselves entirely to Your loving care. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Giver of the life that never ends, receive today our heartfelt thanks for all your servants who have departed this life in saving faith and who live in You forevermore. In Your boundless love, bring us with them to share in the joys of the new heavens and the new earth. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

*LSB 194*

## **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His

rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, 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 195*



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.



## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 196*

**[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 197*

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

**[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**

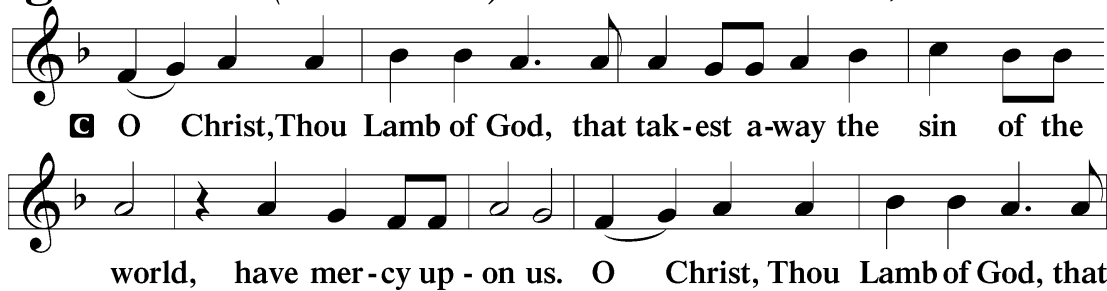
*John 20:19, LSB 197*

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

**C** Amen.

## **Agnus Dei (No intro)**

*John 1:29, LSB 198*



**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*

## ***DISTRIBUTION***

*Distribution Song*

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*“Come to the Table”*

*Distribution Hymn*

*LSB 628 sts. 1-6*

*“Your Table I Approach”*

1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.

2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;

3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,

4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

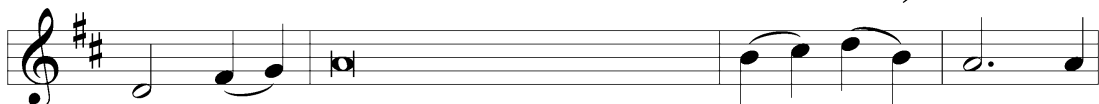
6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29-32, LSB 199*



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



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



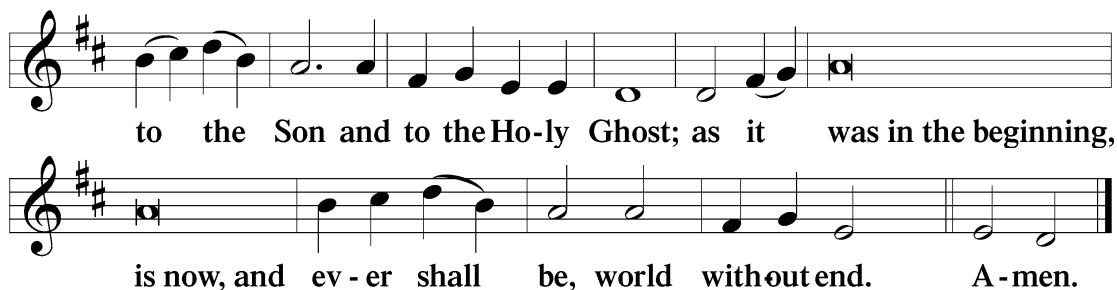
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



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



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



## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1, LSB 201*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray. 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.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Bless we the Lord.

*Psalms 103:1*

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 202*

**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.

*Sit*

*Closing Hymn*

*LSB 643 sts. 1-2*

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,  
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,  
The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.  
The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;  
Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing  
To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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