

Nativity of St. John the Baptist/Father's Day
June 20, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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 and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice).

As We Gather

It may surprise you to note that this was one of the first festivals to be included on the Church's calendar. This is one of only three birthdays the Church recalls (Jesus, the virgin Mary, and John, Jesus' forerunner). All other saints are commemorated on their death day.

The name given by the angel, John, means "God's gracious gift," and John fulfilled the promise of this name by heralding the arrival of the long-promised Messiah, as God had prepared for him to do.

In the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah, the prophet speaks God's word of comfort and hope to a people burdened by sorrow and despair. In the reading from Acts, St. Paul recounts the history of God's plan of salvation and John's role as messenger of the Kingdom. In the Gospel lesson according to St. Luke, we hear how John was born of Elizabeth and how Zechariah regained his speech to give their son the name the angel had foretold.

The song of Zechariah, John's father, is part of the Gospel for this day. It is a canticle which has been long used by the Church, especially in Matins or Morning Prayer. Each part of this four-part song moves us back to remember the continuity of the history of God's people – a continuous line that points to Jesus. Today we remember John, the forerunner, but especially the preparation and faithfulness of God, whose plan of salvation came to fruition in His Son.

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Divine Service – Setting Three

June 20, 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 347 sts. 1-4

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”



1	“Com - fort, com - fort	ye My peo - ple,	Speak ye peace,” thus
2	Yea, her sins our	God will par - don,	Blot - ting out each
3	Hark, the her - ald’s	voice is cry - ing	In the des - ert
4	Make ye straight what	long was crook - ed;	Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Mourn-ing
dark mis-deed; All that well de-served His an-ger He no
far and near, Call-ing sin-ners to re-pen-tance, Since the
plac-es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-



'neath their sor-rows' load. Speak ye to Je-ru-sa-lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf-fered man-y a day,
King-dom now is here. O that warn-ing cry o-bey!
fits His ho-ly reign. For the glo-ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a-way; God will change her
Now pre-pare for God a way; Let the val-leys
Now o'er earth is shed a-broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov-er And her war-fare now is o-ver."
pin-ing sad-ness In-to ev-er-spring-ing glad-ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to-ken That His Word is nev-er bro-ken.

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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 *Luke 1:68, 76-79; antiphon: Mal. 3:1*

P Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

P Blessèd be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.

C And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

P to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,

C because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

P to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



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



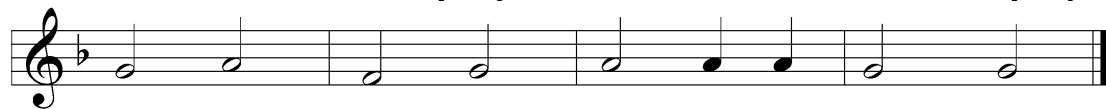
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47, LSB 186



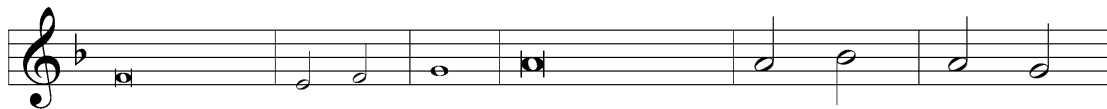
C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



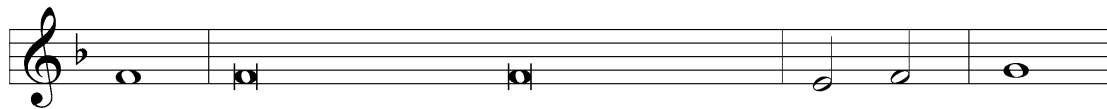
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis

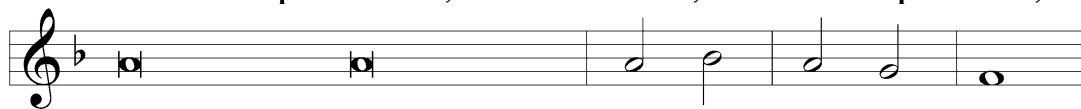
LSB 187



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



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



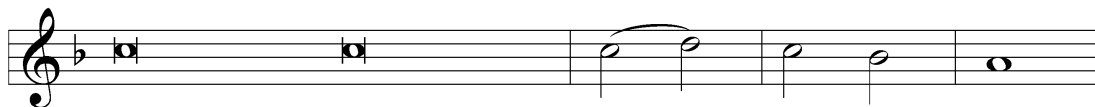
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



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



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



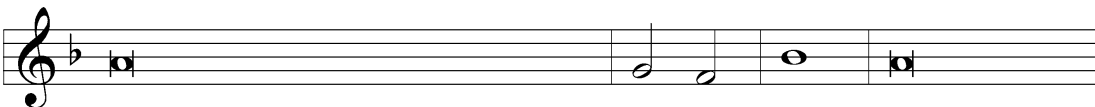
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



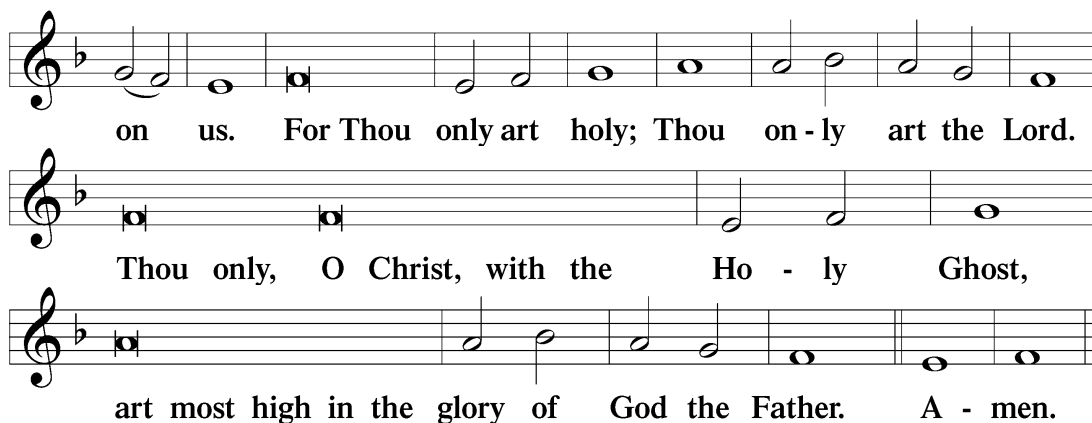
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



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. Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation through the forgiveness of sins. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5

40 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

3 A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

5 And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Jer. 1:5, 9b

Ⓐ Ⓒ Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations. Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

Epistle Reading

Acts 13:14-16, 24-26

14 From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. 15 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak.” 16 Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: “Men of Israel and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! ... 24 Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel. 25 As John was completing his work, he said: ‘Who do you think I am? I am not that one. No,

but he is coming after me, whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.’

26 “Brothers, children of Abraham, and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Luke 1:17a, d; LSB 190

P Alleluia.

P C He will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:57-80

P The Holy Gospel according to St.

Luke, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

LSB 190

57 When it was time for Elizabeth to have her baby, she gave birth to a son. 58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown her great mercy, and they shared her joy.

59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, 60 but his mother spoke up and said, “No! He is to be called John.”

61 They said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who has that name.”

62 Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child. 63 He asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, “His name is John.”

64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue was loosed, and he began to speak, praising God. 65 The neighbors were all filled with awe, and throughout the hill country of Judea people were talking about all these things.

66 Everyone who heard this wondered about it,

asking, “What then is this child going to be?” For the Lord’s hand was with him.

67 His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

68 “Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.

69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

71 salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us –

72 to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,

73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

74 to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear

75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

76 And you, my child, will be called a prophet of
the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord
to prepare the way for him,

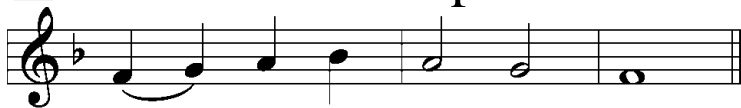
77 to give his people the knowledge of salvation
through the forgiveness of their sins,

78 because of the tender mercy of our God, by
which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

79 to shine on those living in darkness and in the
shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of
peace.”

80 And the child grew and became strong in
spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared
publicly to Israel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

LSB 191

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 343 sts. 1-4

“Prepare the Royal Highway”



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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Sermon

Pastor Tom Rhodes

“Preparation”

Stand

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

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 Remembering God's plan for mercy and having been made bold through His Son, we come to the Father for ourselves, for those within the household of God, and for all people according to their need.

P O Lord, You raised up a horn of salvation in Your Son and set apart John to prepare His way. Help us to hear and share the good news of Jesus and believe it with all our heart, soul, mind, and body. For this, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Gracious God, You visit the humble with the great treasures of Your mercy and make them rich in Your plan of grace through Your Son. Make us strong in faith that we may trust You even when our road is rough. Help us to reach out to the wounded, hurting, and sorrowful with the same

compassion and love You have shown to us. For this, let us pray to the Lord

C Lord, have mercy.

P Holy Lord, give to Your Church faithful pastors who will speak as prophets in Your name, calling us to faith, urging us to repentance, and reminding us of the mercy shown to us when, by Baptism, we were made Your children. Bless all hearers of Your Word and give us ears to heed Your voice, calling us to serve You. For this, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P God of power and might, raise up faithful leaders in this and in every nation. Guide them in wisdom so that they may work for peace, protect the vulnerable, and encourage good works. Give Your special blessing to those who stand in harm's way to protect us - from police and first responders to the men and women of our armed forces, at

home and deployed. For this, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Bless us and especially those on our prayer list and cards, O healing Lord, with relief for those who suffer, peace for those troubled, comfort for those grieving, and hope for those near death. Give us confidence in You and patience to await the revelation of Your will, and bring us at last to the place where afflictions trouble us no more. For this, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Remembering Your mercy shown to Elizabeth, Zechariah, and John, and all the saints who trusted in You and now rest from their labors, we offer You thanks and praise in anticipation of that great day, when You will come again. Until that day guard our hearts and minds that we may not depart

from Your Word or fail to proclaim Your mercy to every generation. For this, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P These and whatsoever things we should ask, we ask according to Your will that we may grow in grace, faith, and trust in You for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.

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.

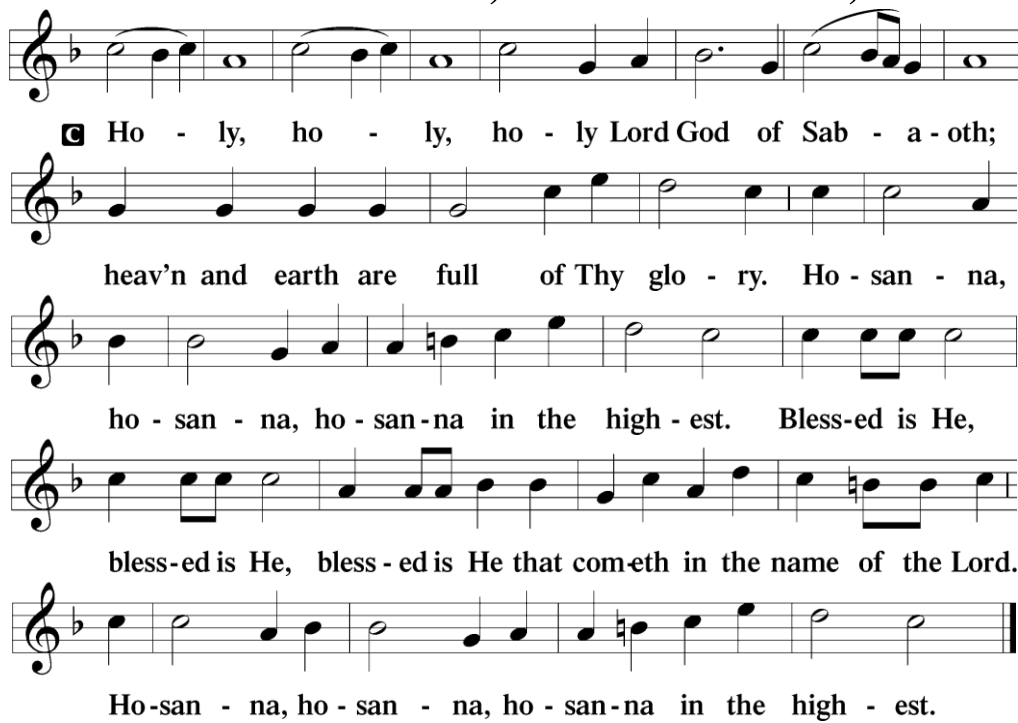
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist

prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in 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 195*



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.

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

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

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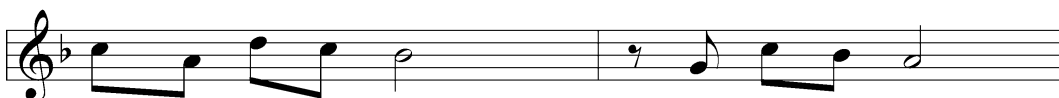
Distribution Hymn

(requested) LSB 629 sts. 1-5

“What Is This Bread”



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for mine;	The	cup	of	grace
live	and	He should	Un -	der	the	rod?
Word	and	prom - ise	In	mouth	and	soul
giv - en	and	set free!	I	do	be -	lieve



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

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Distribution Hymn

LSB 936 sts. 1-4

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”



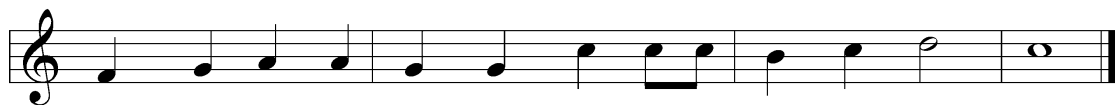
1 Sing praise to the God of Is - ra - el! Sing praise for His
2 God spoke by the proph - ets long a - go, His prom - ise on
3 You, child, will go on be - fore the Lord As proph - et, His
4 O bright, ris - ing Sun, now shine on us In need of il -



vis - i - ta - tion! Re - deem - ing His peo - ple from their sin,
oath re - call - ing— To A - bra - ham made in for - mer years:
way pre - par - ing; To speak on be - half of God Most High,
lu - mi - na - tion; Come scat - ter the shades of sin and death



Ac - com - plish - ing their sal - va - tion, Up - rais - ing a
Of van - quish - ing foes ap - pall - ing, That those He de -
His coun - sel of truth de - clar - ing: Rich mer - cy and
And shat - ter their dom - i - na - tion. Be guid - ing our



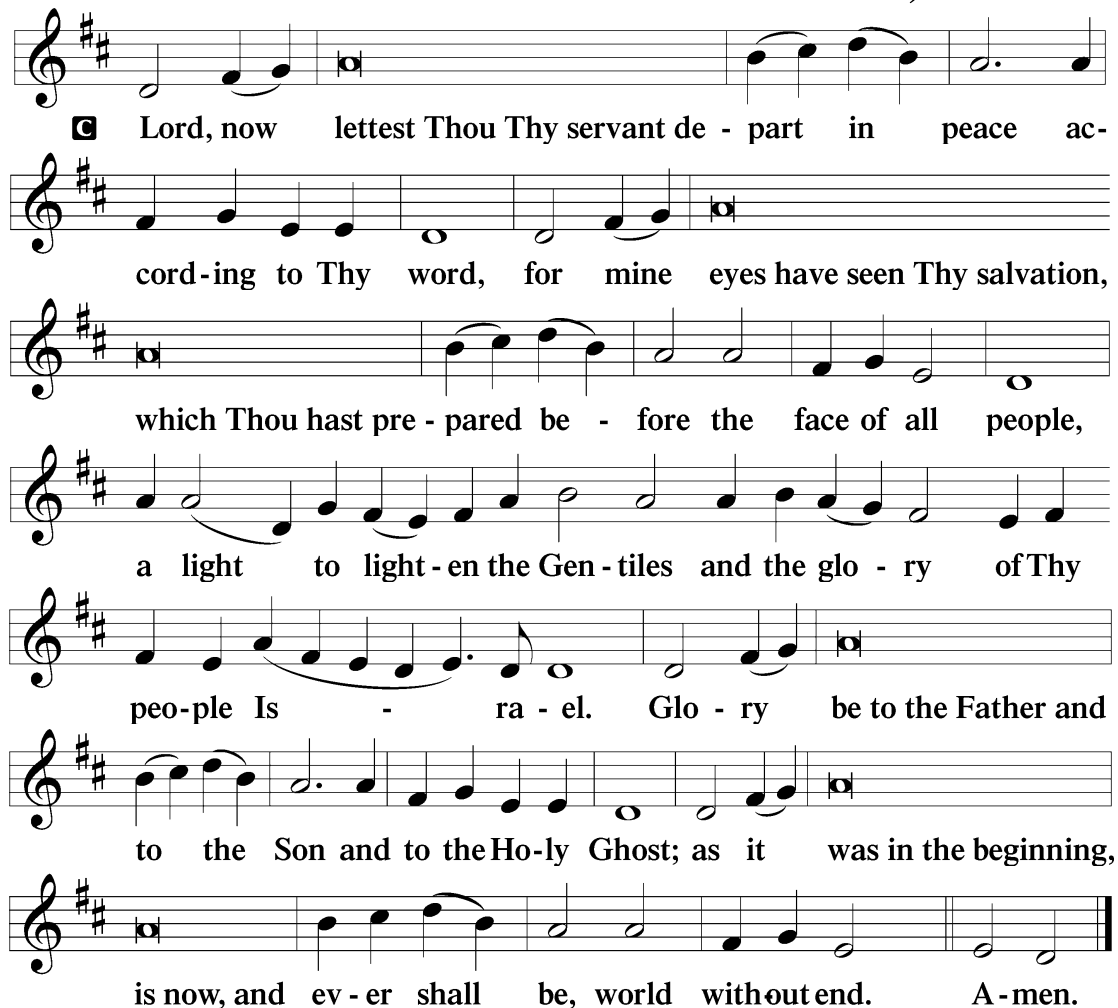
might - y horn with - in The house of His ser - vant Da - vid!
liv - ered from their fears Might glad - ly and tru - ly serve Him.
grace for all where - by In - iq - ui - ty is for - giv - en.
foot - steps on the path Of peace, in Your pres - ence dawn - ing!

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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 - tles and the glo - ry of Thy
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 without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalms 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.

Psalm 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 346 sts. 1-4

“When All the World Was Cursed”



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo-ses' con-dem-na - tion,
2 Be - fore he yet was born, He leaped in joy - ful meet - ing,
3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion,
4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re-ceive, re-joic - ing,



Saint John the Bap - tist came With words of con - so - la - tion.
Con - fess - ing Him as Lord Whose moth - er he was greet - ing.
Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The dev - il's dread op - pres - sion.
The word pro-claimed by John, Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing,



With true fore - run - ner's zeal The great - er One he named,
By Jor - dan's roll - ing stream, A new E - li - jah bold,
Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who takes a - way our sin,
That glad - ly we may walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way



And Him, as yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
He tes - ti - fied of Him Of whom the proph - ets told:
Who for our peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
Un - til we live with Him In His e - ter - nal day.

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