

Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 20, 2022 10:30 a.m. Service

**JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "TRULY I TELL YOU,
TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE."**

LUKE 23:43



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'HEARING, SHARING AND LIVING THE GOSPEL.'



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AS WE GATHER

On this last Sunday of the Church Year, our attention is drawn to the Last Day of Christ's return when, in the resurrection of the body, our deliverance and salvation will be fully completed. The Gospel for today's celebration, however, points our eyes back to the cross, for there all sacrifice for sin was fulfilled and completed. It was a rather conclusive statement when Jesus said to the repentant thief, "Today you will be with me in paradise." Likewise, "Having been buried with [Christ] in baptism...you were also raised with him" (*Colossians 2:12*). Salvation is fulfilled; there is nothing essential that needs to be added in the interim between baptism and paradise. To say it another way, the fulfillment is both past and future for those who are in Christ.

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. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice).

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Divine Service – Setting Three

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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 420 sts. 1-3, 6

“Christ, the Life of All the Living”



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.

6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;

Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Stand

+ CONFESSIOIN 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. 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 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. 134; antiphon: Ps. 33:8*

P Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the
inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

C Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD! who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

P Lift your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

C May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

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 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Gloria Patri

LSB 186



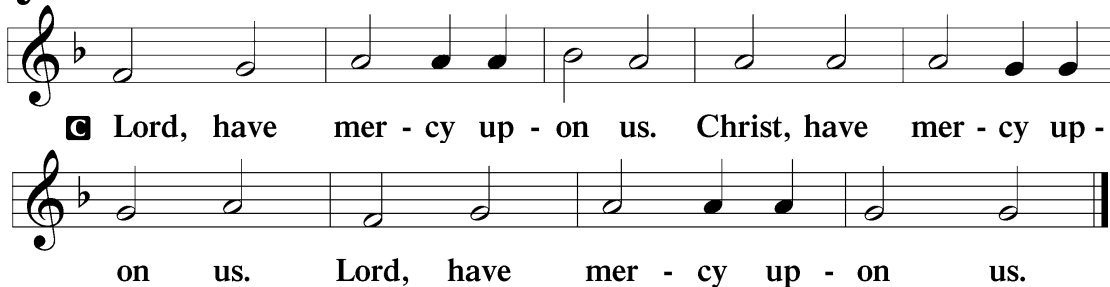
C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



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



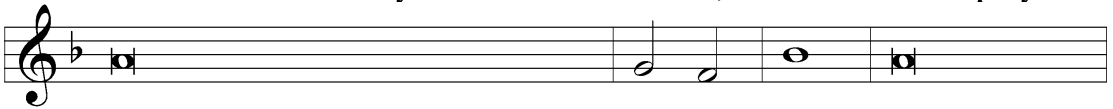
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



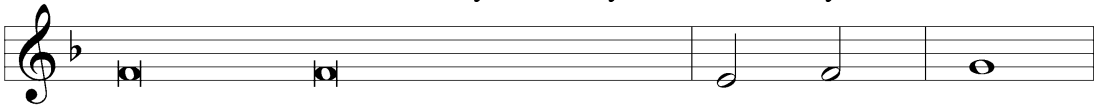
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 189*

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses

that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with The Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Malachi 3:13-18

13 “You have spoken arrogantly against me,” says the LORD. “Yet you ask, ‘What have we said against you?’ 14 “You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty? 15 But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.’”

16 Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

17 “On the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. 18 And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

A C These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of

the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:13-20

13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in

everything he might have the supremacy.

19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27-43

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



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

LSB 190

27 A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. 28 Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ 30 Then ““they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”” 31 For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left.

34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

40 But the other criminal rebuked him.

“Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you

are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

LSB 191

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 742 sts. 1-6

“For Me to Live is Jesus”



1 For me to live is Je - sus, To die is gain for me;
2 For Christ, my Lord, my broth - er, I leave this world so dim
3 My woes are near - ly o - ver, Though long and dark the road;
4 Lord, when my pow'rs are fail - ing, My breath comes heav - i - ly,



So when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
And glad - ly seek an - oth - er, Where I shall be with Him.
My sin His mer - its cov - er, And I have peace with God.
And words are un - a - vail - ing, O hear my sighs to Thee.

5 In my last hour, O grant me
A slumber soft and still,
No doubts to vex or haunt me,
Safe anchored in Thy will;

6 And so to Thee still cleaving
When death shall come to me
I fall asleep believing
And wake in heav'n with Thee!

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Sermon

Pastor Tom Rhodes

“Paradise – It is about Religion”

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 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

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 Sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, let us come in the name of Jesus and pray on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

Brief silence

P That we may rejoice in Christ, who displays His kingly grace from the cross and who will bring the revelation of His promise that is to come, and that we too, along with the thief on the cross, enter our eternal rest in the merits of Christ alone, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we may rejoice in Jerusalem on high, the holy city of God, manifested here by the Baptism through which we are made children of God and sustained by the rich food of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist, and that the Lord may preserve His Church holy and spotless to the day of His coming, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may bless this congregation and His whole Church with faithful pastors who speak plainly the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen, and that we respond with faith and thanksgiving in sharing this good news with others, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord may preserve His people from temptation and trial, lest they give into the power of evil or despair, may He release the captive imprisoned in guilt and shame, bringing all people to repentance, that through the forgiveness of their sins, they may be freed to live holy lives in praise to His name, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord may preserve our nation in peace; raise up faithful leaders; and bless those serving in government; and that we may be citizens who heed the call to integrity of life, doing the good works of the Kingdom as His people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord may deliver the poor from their want and grant employment to those who seek work, and that the Lord may grant His blessing to all the agencies and programs with which the Church supports those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That the Lord may grant healing and peace to all those afflicted in body or mind, that the Lord may relieve the suffering, and

that the Lord may give peace to the dying and comfort to those who grieve, especially those on our prayer list and cards, that in their need He may be their strength and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we may never forget the mighty works by which the Lord has saved us, that we may respond to His acts of deliverance with the song of praise and thanksgiving, and that we may give to these prayers the “Amen” of faith, confident of the Lord’s mercy and wisdom, let us pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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*



☐ 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.”

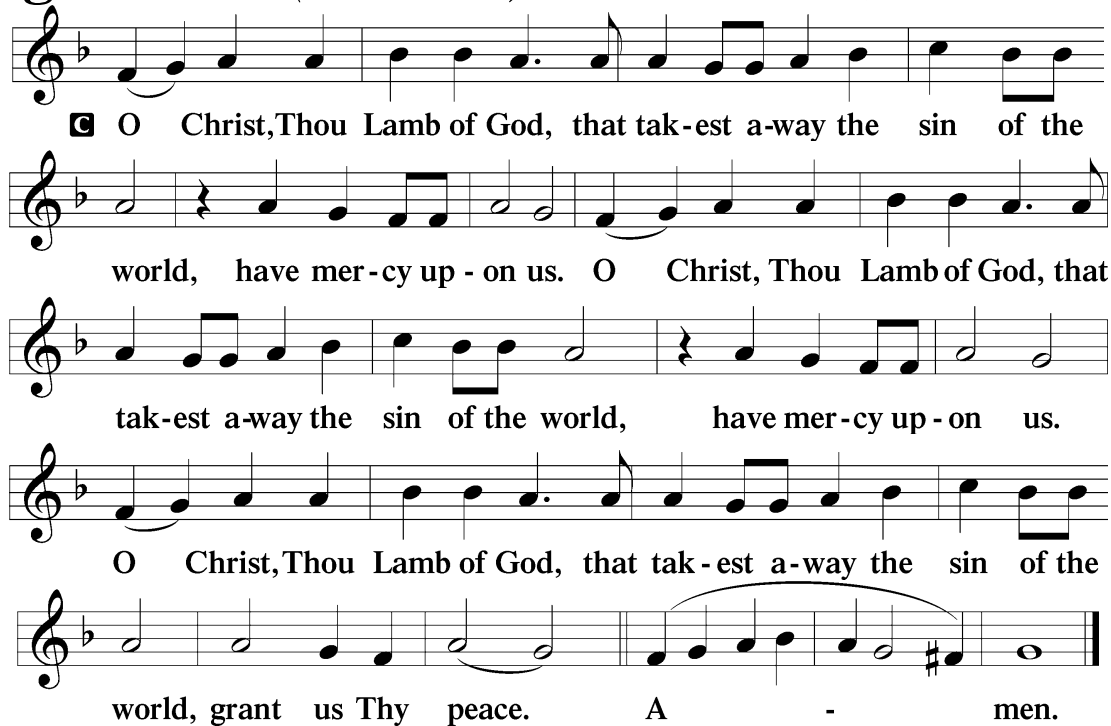
Pax Domini

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

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hymn

LSB 905 sts. 1-4

“Come, Thou Almighty King”



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 △ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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Distribution Hymn

LSB 527 sts. 1-4

“O Savior, Precious Savior”



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
 3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



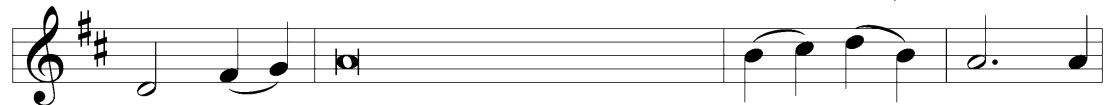
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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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

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 upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 525 sts. 1-4

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

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