



Consider  
yourselves  
**dead to sin**

and

**ALIVE**  
to **GOD** in  
**CHRIST**  
**JESUS.**

**ROMANS 6:11**



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## WE ARE PEOPLE OF GOD...

...who worship together, grow together, work together and together serve God and one another in Christian love.

...who gather around Word and Sacrament for spiritual nourishment.

...who take seriously Christ's command to make disciples of all nations.

## Prelude

## Welcome

## Hymn of Invocation LSB 908

## Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
△ 3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**G** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Introit

**P** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,  
**C** that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**P** When I am afraid,  
**C** I put my trust in you.

**P** In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
**C** What can flesh do to me?

**P** In God, whose word I praise,  
**C** in the LORD, whose word I praise,

**P** in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
**C** What can man do to me?

### Gloria Patri



**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



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



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

**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;



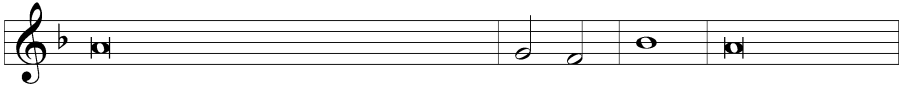
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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.

## Collect

**P** O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, you have deceived me,  
 and I was deceived;  
 you are stronger than I,  
 and you have prevailed.  
 I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
 everyone mocks me.  
 For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
 I shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
 For the word of the LORD has become for me  
 a reproach and derision all day long.  
 If I say, "I will not mention him,  
 or speak any more in his name,"  
 there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
 shut up in my bones,  
 and I am weary with holding it in,  
 and I cannot.  
 For I hear many whispering.  
 Terror is on every side!  
 "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
 say all my close friends,  
 watching for my fall.  
 "Perhaps he will be deceived;  
 then we can overcome him  
 and take our revenge on him."  
 But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
 therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
 they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.  
O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.  
Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

**Romans 6:12-23**

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Praise Team** (11am only)

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**Jesus, Refuge of the Weary**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

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

**G** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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

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

## Nicene Creed

**G** **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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn LSB 836

O God of Light



1 O God of light, Your Word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
 2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
 3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
 4 To all the world Your sum - mons You are send - ing,



Shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
 Though we re - belled, You gent - ly sought a - gain  
 To sin - ful hearts Your jus - tice and Your grace;  
 Through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



And show Your grace, Your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
 And spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
 And quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for Your heal - ing,  
 That myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



And guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
 Who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
 See Your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
 May praise and cel - e - brate Your gift of grace.

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Offertory

**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.

✠ ✠ ✠ Our offerings are received at the Altar ✠ ✠ ✠

Prayer of the Church

(following each petition)

- P** Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



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

**P** It is truly meet, 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. 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



**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**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  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

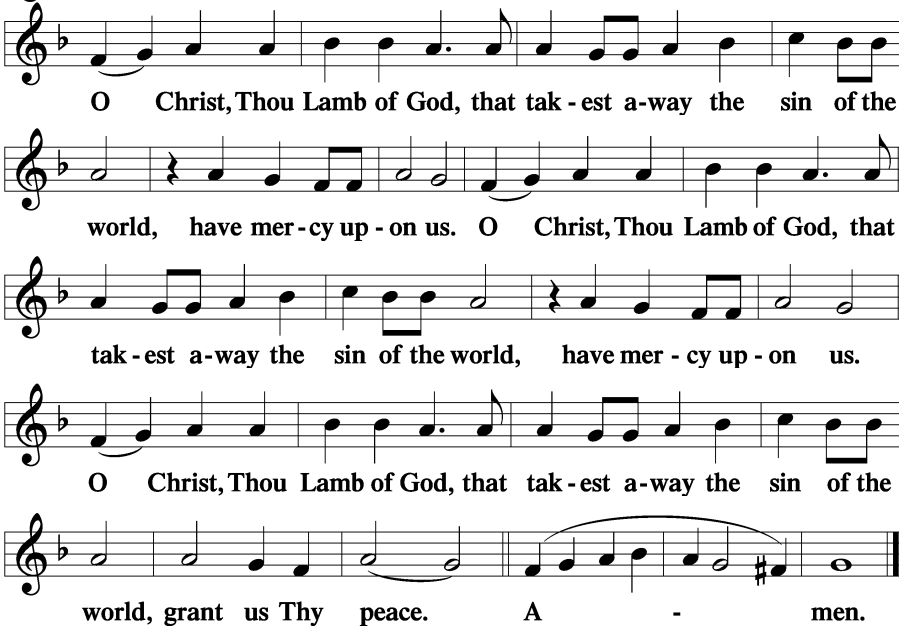
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

**G** Amen.

## Agnus Dei



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.

## The Distribution

# Distribution Hymn LSB 837

# Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied  
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

*Refrain*



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.  
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
 Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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# Distribution Hymn LSB 736

# Consider How the Birds Above



1 Con - sid - er how the birds a - bove Feed day by  
 2 The lil - ies grow, they do not toil; How fair is  
 3 Set not your heart on food or drink, Nor be weighed  
 4 Be on your guard a - gainst all greed, For life is



day with care - free ease— Does God not keep them  
 their fra - gil - i - ty— If God clothes these, which  
 down by world - ly care; A - bout such things the  
 more than what we own. Our Fa - ther knows our



in His love? Are we not worth much more than these?  
 quick - ly spoil, Will He not clothe both you and me?  
 god - less think, Yet nev - er thank the Lord in prayer.  
 ev - 'ry need Be - fore our needs to us are known.

Be not afraid to suffer loss  
 Of all the things for which you pray,  
 For He who faced for you the cross  
 Will give you strength to live each day.

Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,  
 His holy name in all you do:  
 Christ first and last in ev'ry place;  
 All else will then be given you.

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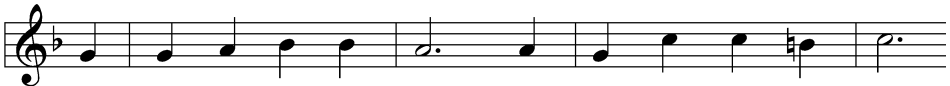
**O God, My Faithful God**



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



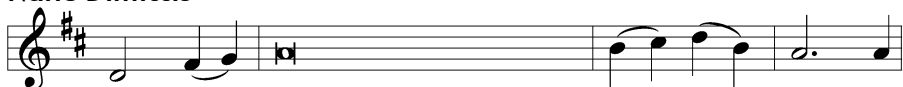
A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Let me depart this life  
Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul  
That it may live forever;  
And let my body have  
A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave;  
And let it sleep in peace.

And on that final day  
When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice,  
Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice  
With those who love Your name.

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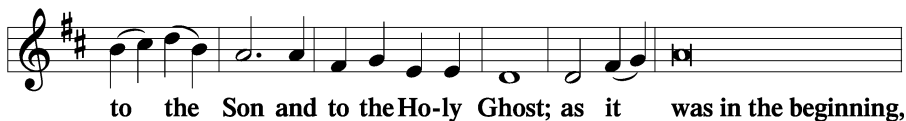


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



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





### Thanksgiving

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- C** and His mercy endureth forever.

### Post-Communion Collect

- P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

### Benedicamus

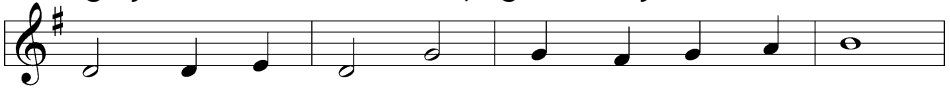
- P** Bless we the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

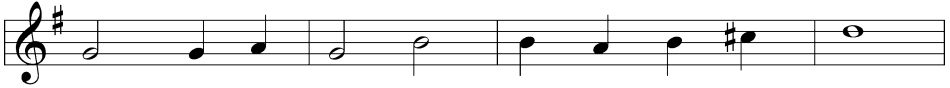
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen, amen, amen.

# Closing Hymn LSB 917

# Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



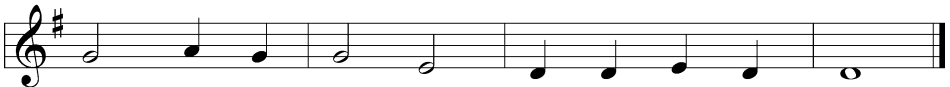
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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## Announcements

Please complete the "Friendship Pads" found at the inside aisle holder in each pew and pass it to the others in your row. We especially ask our visitors and guests to share their information with us, so we can stay in touch!

## Dismissal

- P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God.

## +++ HOLY COMMUNION +++

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to meet with the pastor.

***"Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup."*** (1 Cor. 11:27-28) For further study, see Matthew 5:23f; 10:32f; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34

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