

- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love, While angels delight to hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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- P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

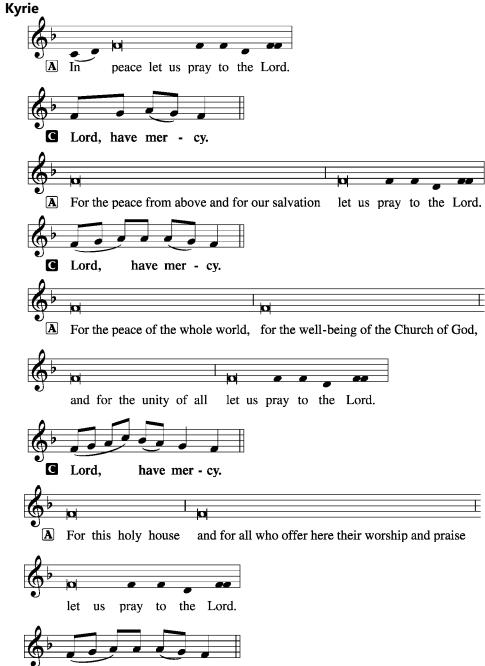
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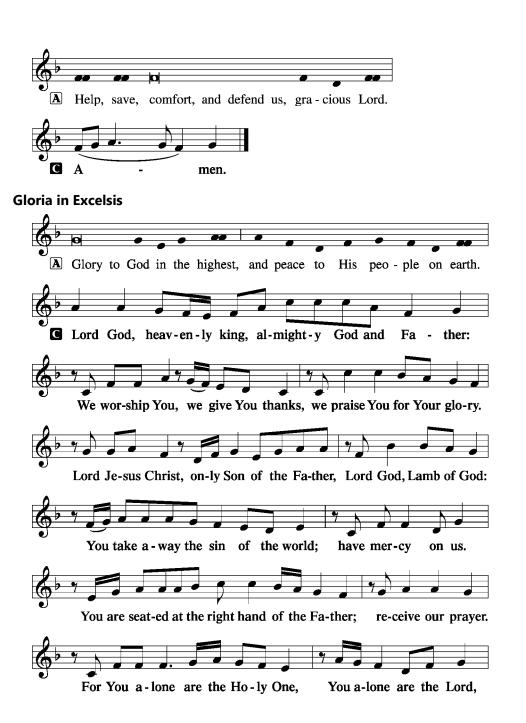
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in his mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Service of the Word

Ps. 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: Ps. 121:5

Pastor: The Lord is your | keeper; the Lord is your shade on your | right hand. People: I lift up my eyes | to the hills. From where does my | help come? My help comes | from the Lord, who made | heaven and earth. He will not let your | foot be moved; he who keeps you will not | slumber. Behold, he who keeps | Israel will neither slum- | ber nor sleep. The Lord will keep you from all | evil; he will | keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your | coming in from this time forth and for- | evermore. Glory be to the Father and | to the Son and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, and will be forever. | Amen.





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C Lord, have mer - cy.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you. C

And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament

lsaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: "I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the Lord, who does all these things.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and stead-fastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has

chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



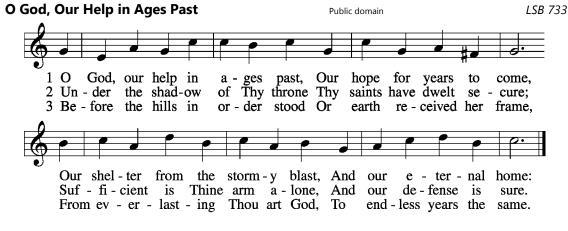
Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



- 4 Thy word commands our flesh to dust: "Return, ye sons of men!" All nations rose from earth at first And turn to earth again.
- 5 Like flow'ry fields the nations stand, Pleased with the morning light; The flow'rs beneath the mower's hand Lie with'ring ere 'tis night.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!

Sermon, Prayers

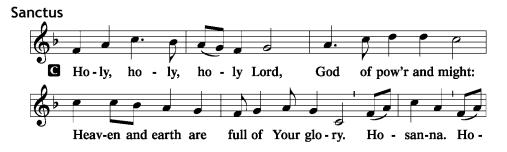
Service of the Sacrament

Preface



Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

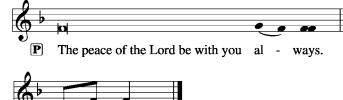
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- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth... now and forever.
- C Amen.
- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: **Our Father...**

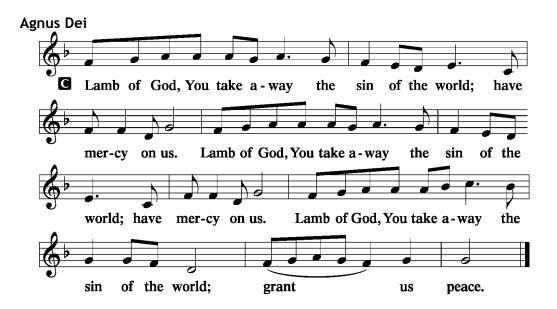
The Words of Our Lord

- 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 (+) 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."





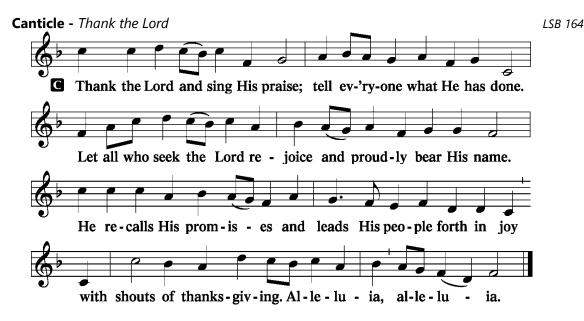
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The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be distributed by Pastor up front, before the railing. Line up single file in the center aisle (observing social distancing) and step forward to receive the body of Christ from Pastor, and then step to the side to take an individual cup with the blood of Christ from the tray. After receiving, deposit your cup in the pitchers on either side.

As with all other blessings of God, the faith that receives Christ in this Sacrament rests upon His Word. Sadly, there is much division and disagreement in Christianity today regarding many teachings of the Scriptures, including this Sacrament. For this reason, we in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod ask that those communing with us first be instructed in our faith before receiving communion. Our desire is that all who commune might receive Christ and commune with one another to their blessing. Thank you for your understanding.



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God... now and forever.

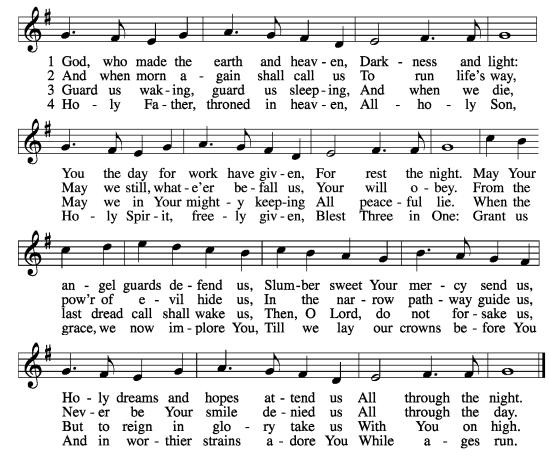


Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.



God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven



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