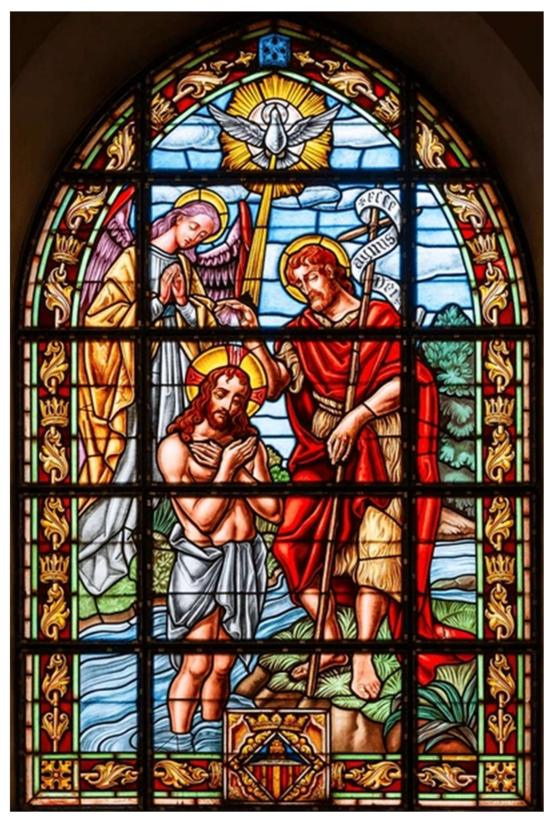


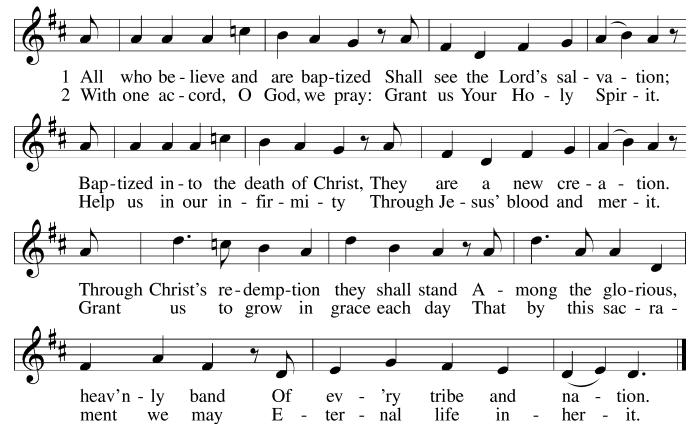
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PRELUDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Absolution

601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized



Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- **P** 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.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

 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.

C Amen.

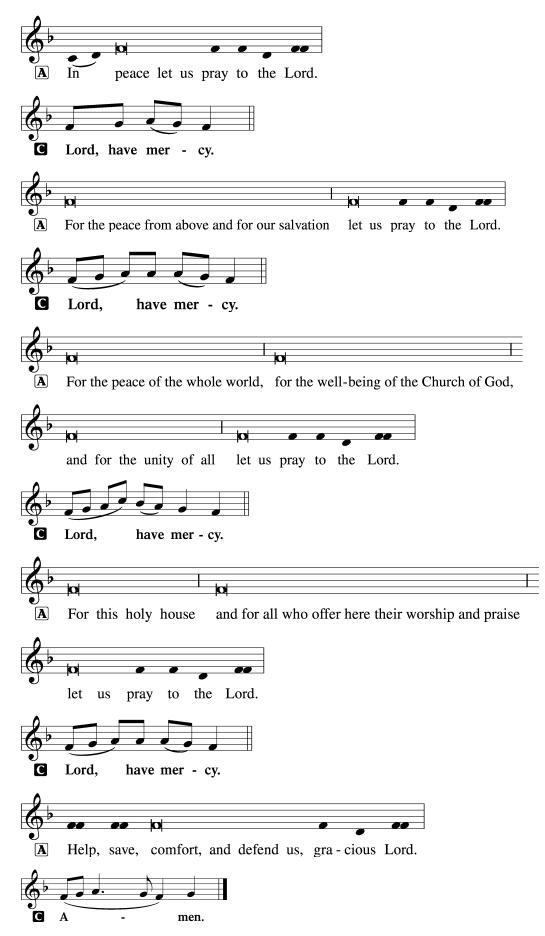
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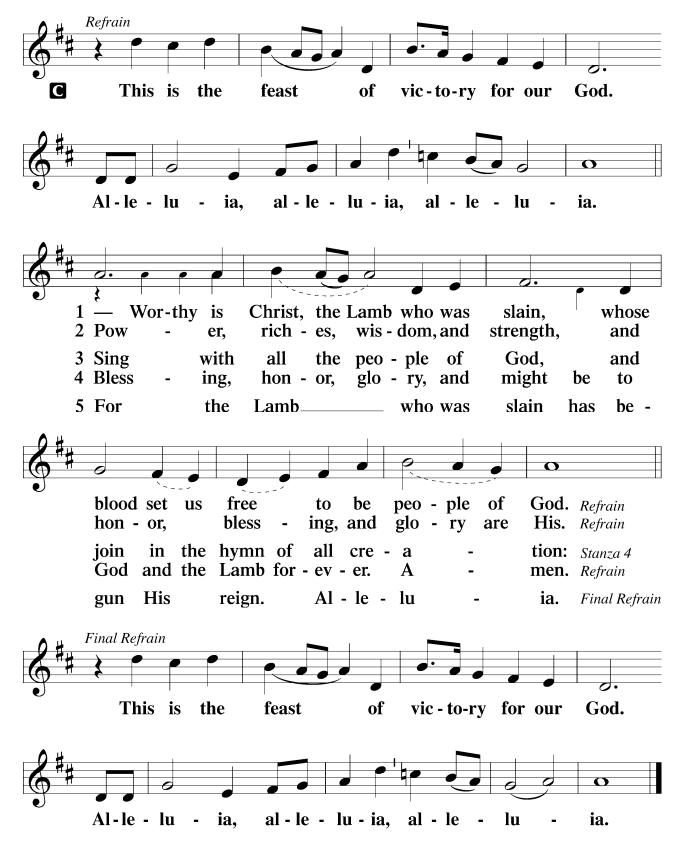
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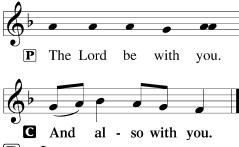
Introit

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights. I will tell of the decree:* The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- gotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,* and the ends of the earth your pos- | session. You shall break them with a | rod of iron* and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;* be warned, O rulers | of the earth. Serve the | LORD with fear,* and rejoice with | trembling, for his wrath is quickly | kindled.* Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him. 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. Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,* my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.







P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit Old Testament Reading

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar

Isaiah 43:1–7

and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."



This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29; antiphon: v. 3

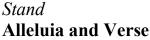
¹Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,* ascribe to the LORD glo- ry and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;* worship the LORD in the splendor of | holiness. ³The voice of the LORD is over the | waters;* the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is | powerful;* the voice of the LORD is full of | majesty. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedars:* the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶He makes Lebanon to skip | like a calf,* and Sirion like a young | wild ox. ⁷The voice | of the LORD* flashes forth | flames of fire. ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the | wilderness;* the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the | forests bare,* and in his temple all cry, "Glory!" ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the flood;* the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | ever. ¹¹May the LORD give strength to his | people!* May the LORD bless his people | with peace! 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.

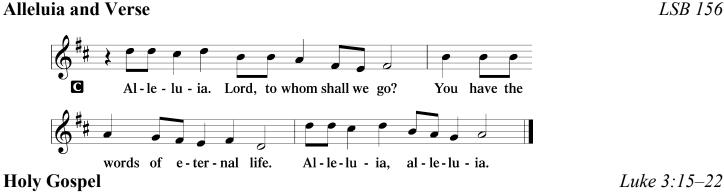
¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.





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



¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all

the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

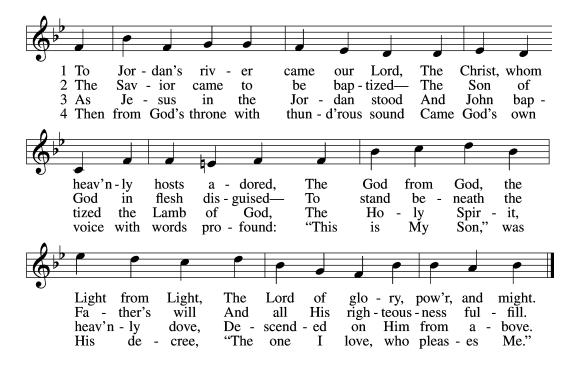
²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord



- 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight Anointed Christ in glorious sight As God's own choice, from Adam's fall To save the world and free us all.
- Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
 This man is Christ, our substitute!
 He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
 Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

TITLE OF THE SERMON: "THE BAPTISM THAT OPENED HEAVEN'S GATES"

TEXT: Luke 3:15-22 DATE: 1-12-25

LITURGICAL DAY: 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Theme: This baptism of Jesus Christ grants to us clean water with which to wash away our sins and grant to us eternal life

I. THE NECESSARY DEATH OF ALL FLESH

II. THE CHRIST REVEALED THROUGH WATER

III. THE WASHING THAT OPENS HEAVEN'S GATES

CONCLUSION:

The predilection of our flesh is continually inclined towards evil. The flesh must be put to death. Yet the death God gives us is the death of His Son. When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, He washed with water defiled by our filth and disease. His washing made Him dirty and guilty, carrying our sin in His baptism of death. This is why the Father said, *"You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased,"* and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. This baptism is what marks the beginning of Jesus ministry to the dying world – a mission He completes with the death He gives us. For within that perfect death, there is life eternal.

HOLY COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. If you are visiting, please speak to the Elder of the day, or to the Pastor about receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ATTENDANCE AND COMMUNION REGISTRATION:

During the gathering of the Offerings, members and visitors please pick up the attendance pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or blue (visitor) sheet and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you. Place the sheets in the basket in the narthex as you leave. Thank you!

Nicene Creed

С

I believe in one God, the Father Almightv. 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.

Prayer of the Church

Following the pravers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Note: If you would like a prayer included in the Divine Service today. please fill out the form and hand it to the elder or usher at the beginning of the service. You may also call the church office, e-mail, or leave a message on the answering machine for special prayers.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Ember Ward, Barbara Stevenson, Kandie Darmody, Betty Tinney, Josh Lee, Nancy Brosowske, Barbara Tiller, Jean Faulkner, Doug Gransberg

Bereavement

Please pray for the families of:

- * Peter Brueckner at his death on January 7th
- * The Allen Hager family at the death of Alan's father, Joe Hager
- * The Coombs family at the death of Melissa Coombs's sister, Tammy

Other Needs We Pray for

- * Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries
- * Pray for the Protection of the Unborn

Military Service Members & their Families

Gabe Stecker, Mike Gobble, Emily Shelton, Alex Laffin, Courtney Tate, Eli Wiley, Calvin Ullman Pray for peace for Syria, Israel, Palestine & Ukraine

<u>Birthdays</u>			
Emily Sim	1/13	Susan Wilson	1/13
Luke Fasgold	1/14	Greg Haxton	1/14
Bill Ebey	1/15	Bobby Thomale	1/17
Michelle Conner	1/18		

Anniversaries Years None

Missions

The Rev. Jason Groth and his wife, Emily, serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Belize. In this role, they help plant Lutheran churches and coordinate the operations of Camp Concordia in Belmopan, Belize. In addition to these responsibilities, the Groths support short-term mission teams and facilitate acts of mercy.

Offering

Stand

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"O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True"

Offertory LSB 159 What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to C I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing me? and will of the Lord. I will take the cup of salon the name call tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my va to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the vows courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

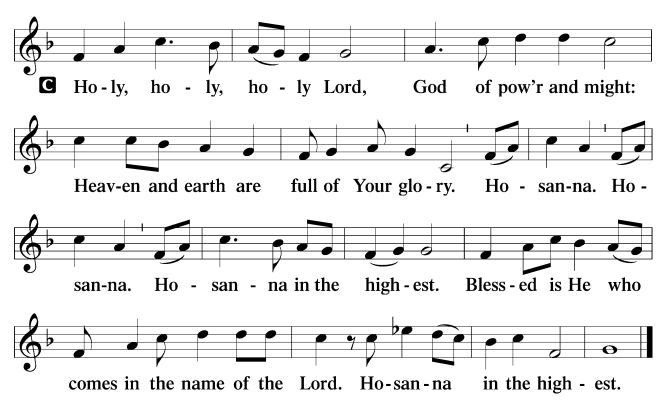
Walter Hennig

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



 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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

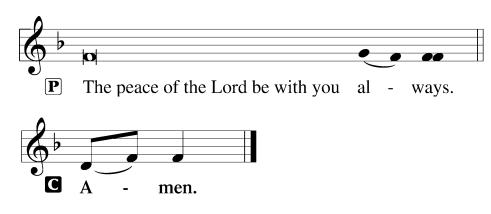
The Words of Our Lord

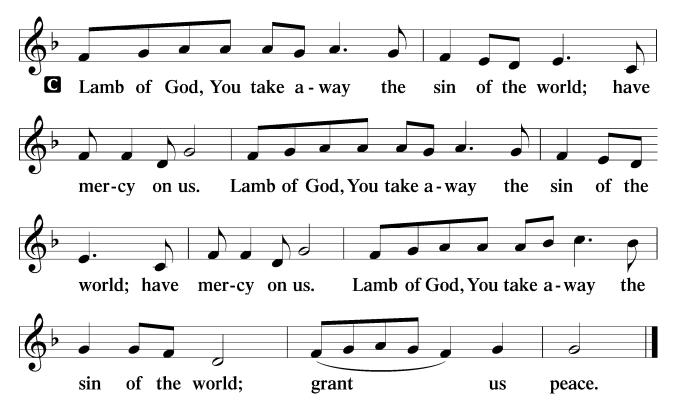
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

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Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

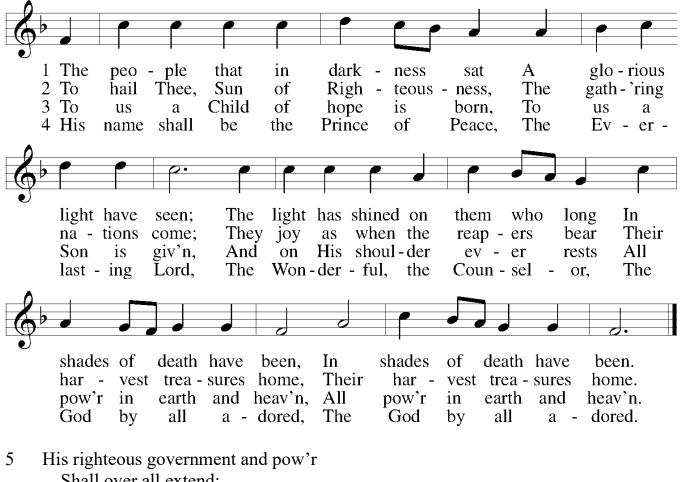
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

 The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart
 in peace.

C Amen.

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- His righteous government and pow'r Shall over all extend;
 On judgment and on justice based, His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
- △ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, And make us Thine alone,
 Who with the Father ever art And Holy Spirit, one,
 And Holy Spirit, one.

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

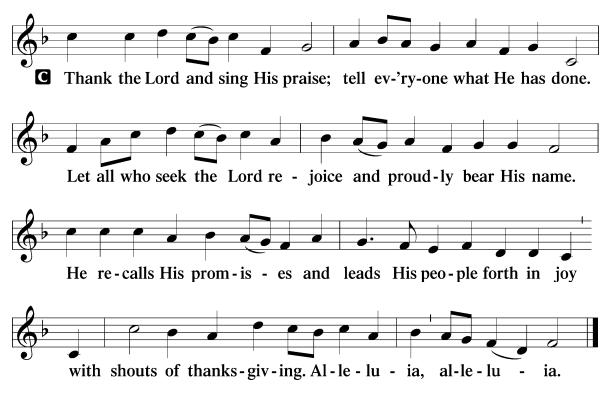
1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way; 2 Lord, when the tem-pest Ι ra ges, need not fear, 3 Lord, when the shad-ows length en And night has come, Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day day. to For You, the Rock of al - wavs Α Are near. _ ges, know that You will strength en My steps toward T home. With - out Your grace and fa Ι _ vor go а stray; Close by Your side a - bid -Ι fear foe, ing, no Then noth - ing can im - pede me, 0 bless ed Friend; -So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way. guid - ing, For when Your hand is Ι peace go. In hand and lead Un - to the end. So take my me **537 Beautiful Savior** 6 1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a tion. Son of mead - ows, 2 Fair are the Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair the moon - light, Bright is the the na - tions, 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of Son of God of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd and Son bloom-ing spring; is fair - er, Je flow'rs of Je - sus sus is Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines high; kling stars spar on God and Son of Man! Glo-ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -

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728 How Firm a Foundation



Stand



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Α

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.



Benediction

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.

men.

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