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Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 10, 2024





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8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
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Divine Service 3
Order of Holy Communion
* = All Stand

Prelude

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

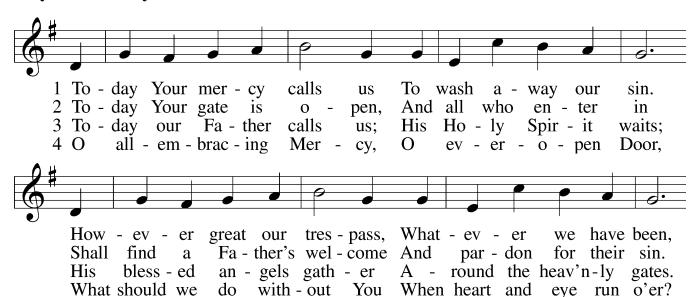
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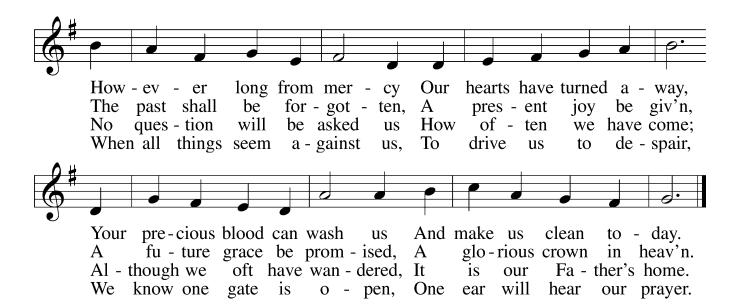
Share the Peace of the Lord

Announcements

Children's Message (10:30 a.m.)

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us





Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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,
- C 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.

Kneel/Stand

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 27:3–5; antiphon: v. 1

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

Though an army encamp against me, my heart | shall not fear;*

though war arise against me, yet I will be | confident.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;*

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- on a rock.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

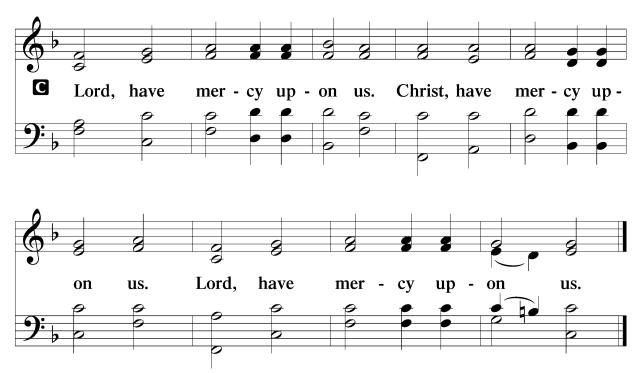
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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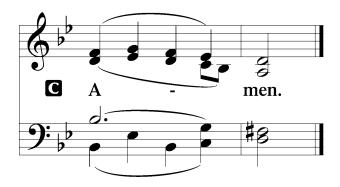
Kyrie LSB 186



Salutation and Collect of the Day



Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit
Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-9 (chanted responsively by whole verse)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,* for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
 Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,* whom he has redeemed from | trouble

³and gathered in | from the lands,* from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

⁴Some wandered in | desert wastes,* finding no way to a city to | dwell in;

⁵hungry and | thirsty,* their soul fainted with- | in them.

⁶Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,* and he delivered them from | their distress.

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<sup>7</sup>He led them by a | straight way* till they reached a city to | dwell in.
<sup>8</sup>Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,* for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!
<sup>9</sup>For he satisfies the | longing soul,* and the hungry soul he fills | with good things.
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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Epistle Ephesians 2:1–10

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

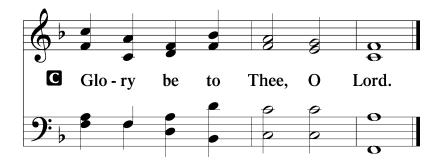
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand
Alleluia
LSB 190



Holy Gospel John 3:14–21

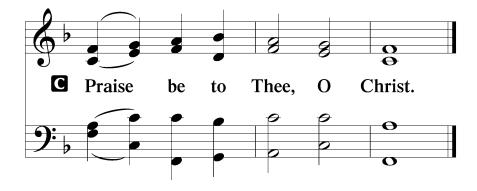
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



¹⁴[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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.

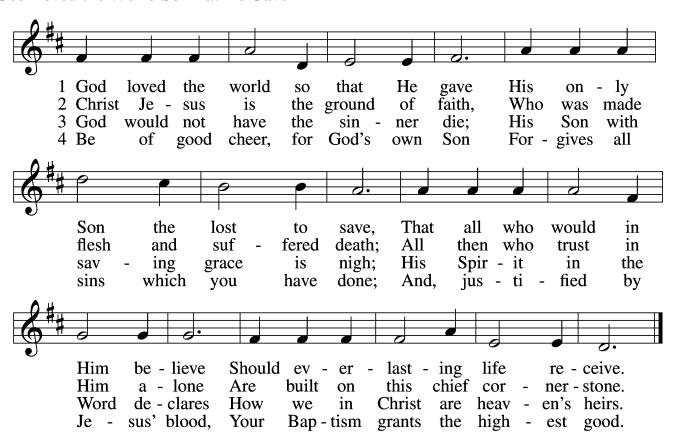
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

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.

Sit
571 God Loved the World So That He Gave



- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

Sermon

"Love and Light in the Son of Man"

TEXT: John 3:14-21 DATE: 3-10-24

Theme: It seems so simple – God loves the world.

The fact that God gave His only Son on the cross for you, means God loves you!

I. THE LOVE OF GOD

II. THE HATRED AND DARKNESS OF THE WORLD

III. THE LIGHT OF JESUS CHRIST

CONCLUSION: We live by the light in the truth of God's one and only Son. Everyone who believes in Him has eternal life and is saved from the condemnation of God. Jesus is the Son of Man lifted up on the cross – here is the evidence of the love of God. Believe in him, as a baptized, absolved and communing Christian, unto eternal life!

HOLY COMMUNION POLICY:

Holy Communion is administered to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod members and LCMS guests who have been instructed, catechezied 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 Ritual of Friendship pad at the end of the pew, take out a white (member) or tan (visitor) sheet and pass the pad down the pew to the people sitting next to you.

Please fill out the date, address and phone number information as well as e-mail addresses.

The sheets will be collected in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Thank you!

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

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Sit

Offering

(Fill out the **Ritual of Friendship** sheet and place it in the baskets in the narthex as you leave. Place your offerings in the offering plates passed by the ushers.)

We thank you for presenting your weekly offerings to the church in one of four ways:

- 1. Place your offerings in the offering plates
- 2. Mail your offering envelopes to the Church Office
 - 3. Bring your Offerings to the Church Office
- You may place your offering in the wooden box on the bench by the glass doors.
 - 4. Use the "Simply Giving" service to give your offerings digitally online.

 Thank you to everyone for faithfully supporting our ministry here.

Voluntary

"Verso in E Minor"

Domenico Zipoli

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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.

In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Madisen Lemke, Kandie Darmody, Barbara Craun, Ella Schemm, Jennifer Weber, Bobbe Nist, John Halpin, John Singleton

Bereavement

Pray for Eldon Jupe's family at the death of his mother, Erma Jupe

Other Needs We Pray for

* Trinity Lutheran Church, Early Childhood & Campus Ministries * Pray for Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and Japan

Military Service Members & their Families

Mike Gobble, Emily Shelton, Alex Laffin, Danny Greene, Courtney Tate, Eli Wiley

Police and Firefighters

<u>Birthdays</u>	
Leilani Beachem	3/10
Paul Bushore	3/10
Maeva Ullman	3/11
Suzanne Venk	3/11
Shandell Nash	3/14

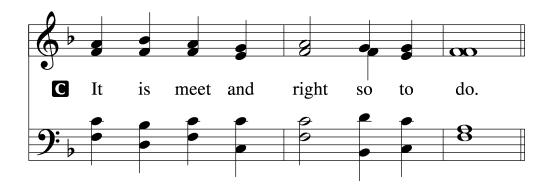
Missions

The Rev. Nathaniel and Emma Jensen serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Nathaniel is pastor of Kaiserslautern Evangelical Lutheran Church, which serves U.S. military members stationed in the area as well as other English speakers. In addition, Nathaniel works with the Synod's partner church in Germany to proclaim the Gospel to non-English speakers, and he serves as a mentor to seminary students throughout the region.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194

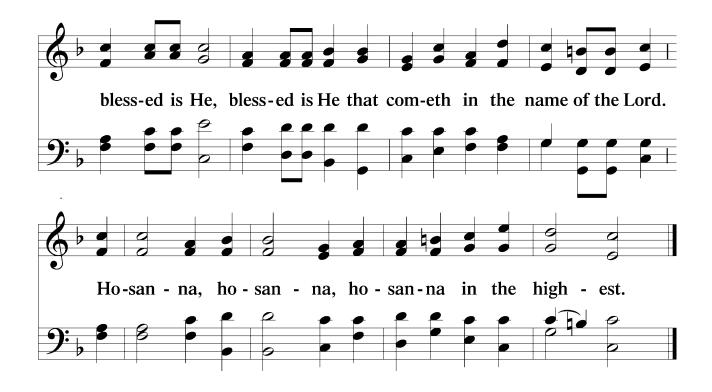


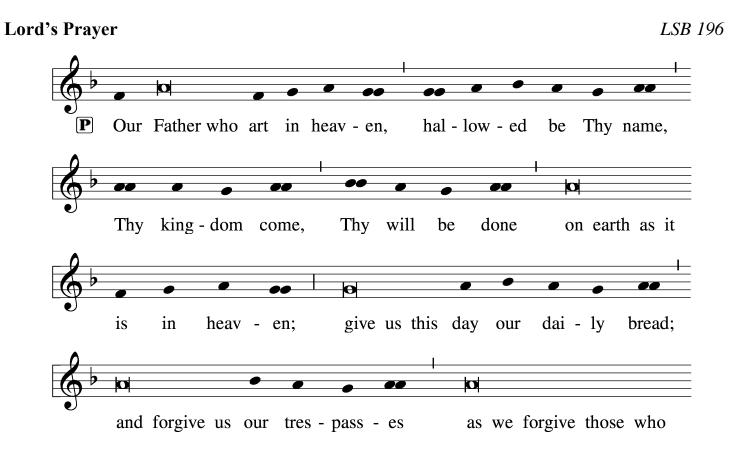


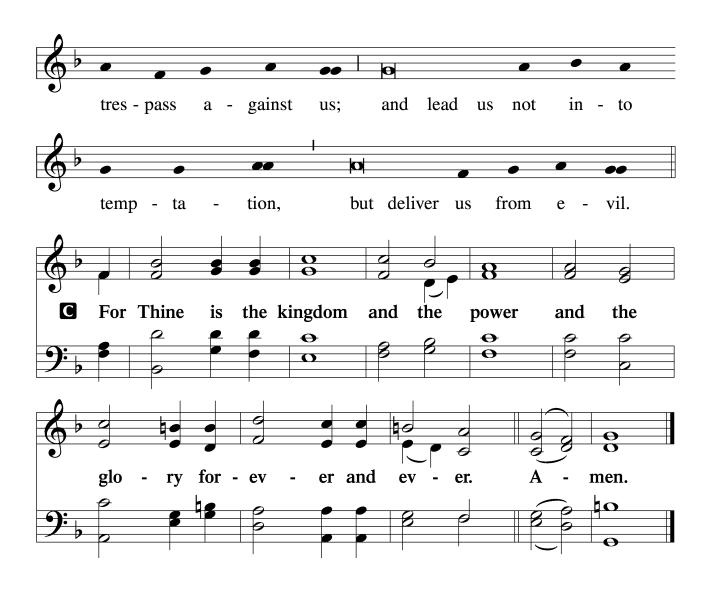
It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

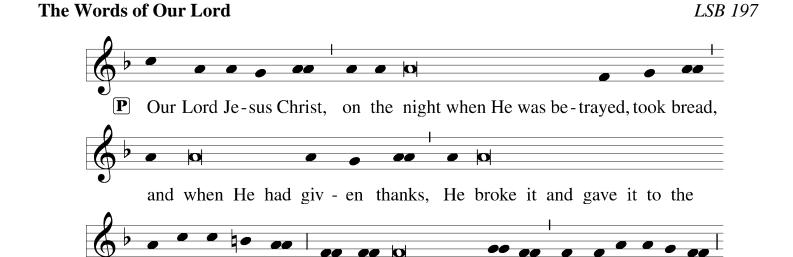
Sanctus LSB 195



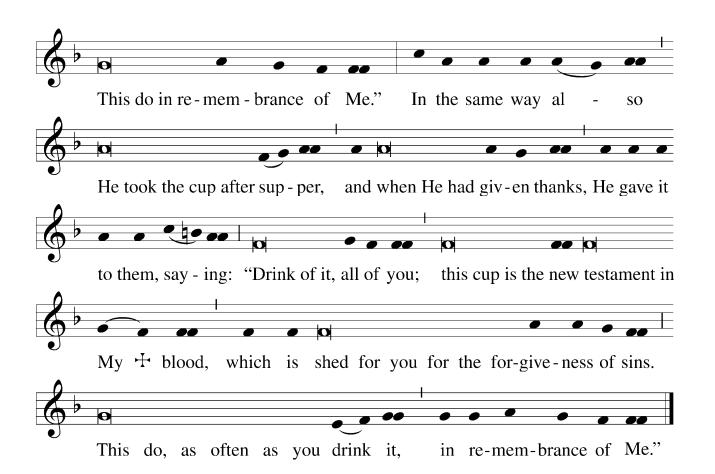




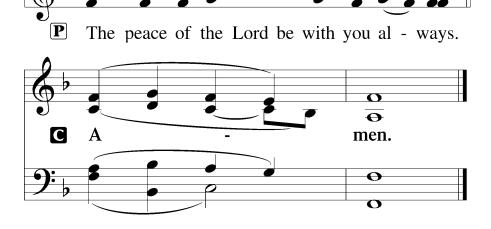




dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + bod-y, which is giv-en for you.



Pax Domini LSB 197



Agnus Dei LSB 198



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.

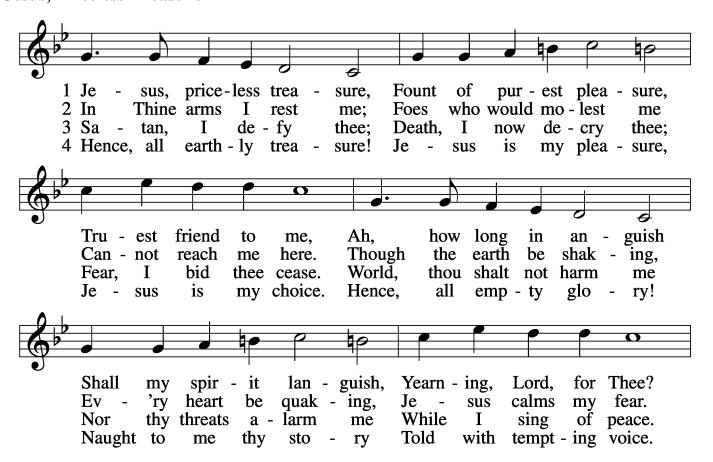
Amen.

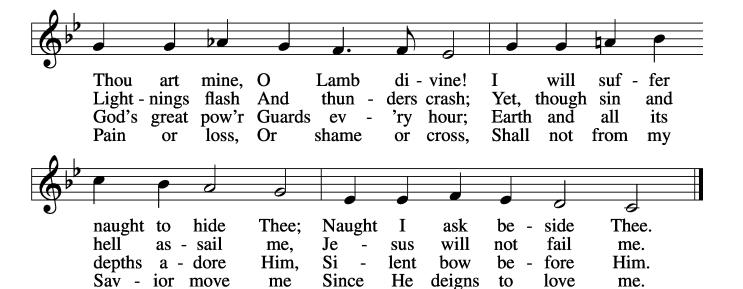
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P 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.

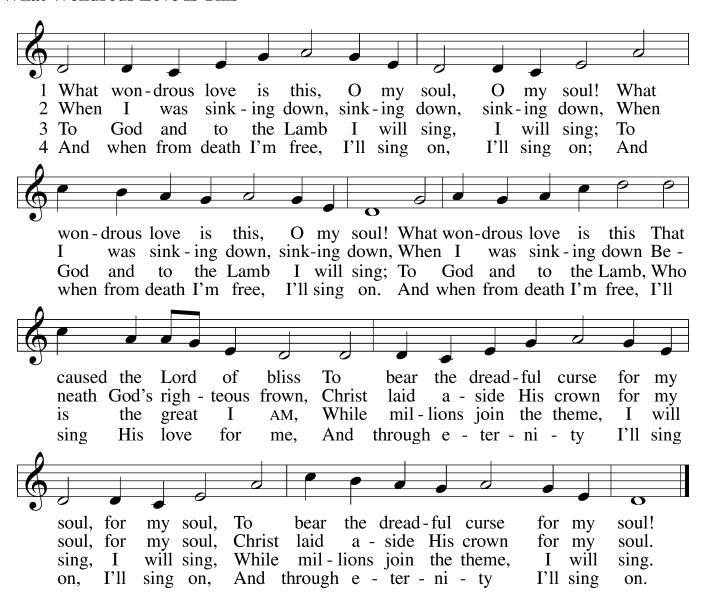
743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure





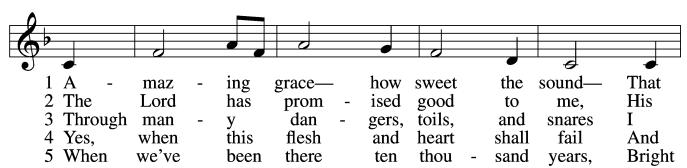
- 5 Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

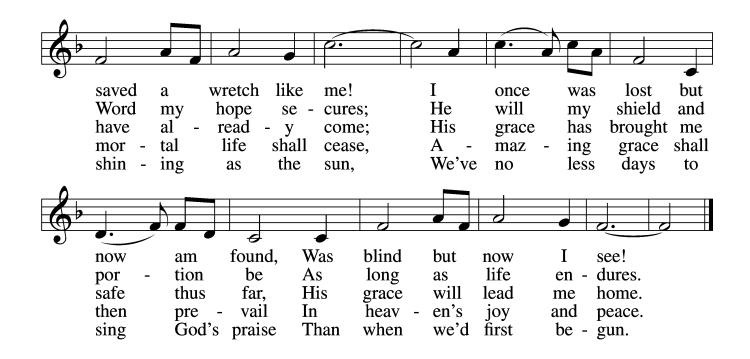
543 What Wondrous Love Is This



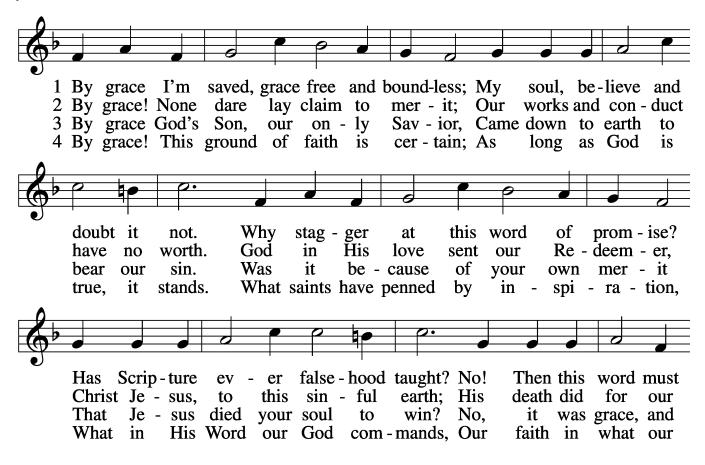
744 Amazing Grace

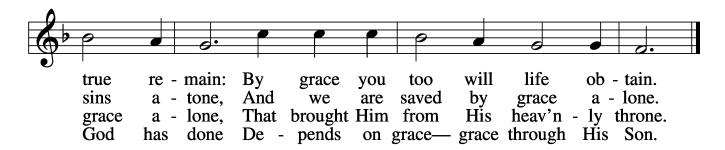
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566 By Grace I'm Saved

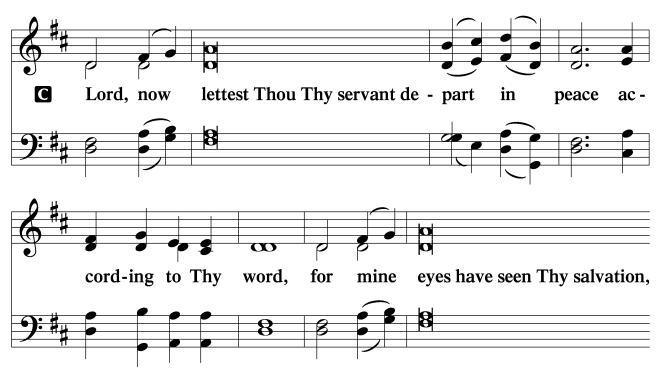




- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition,
 I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

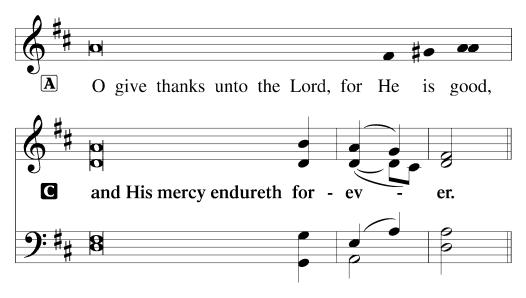
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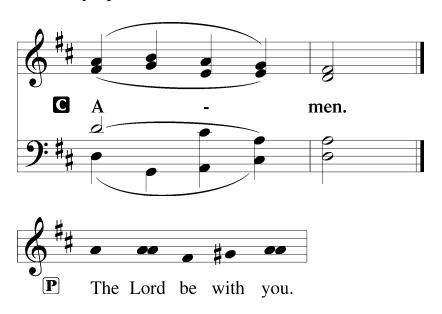


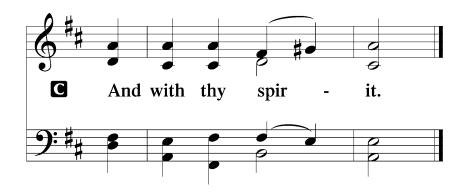
Thanksgiving LSB 200



A Let us pray.

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.

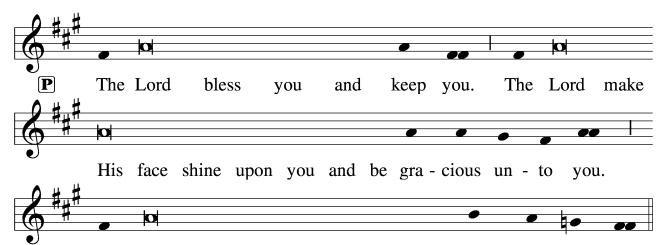




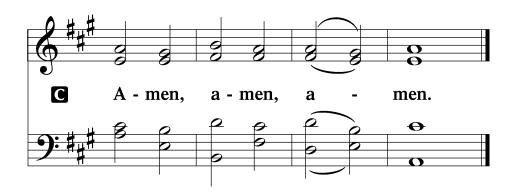
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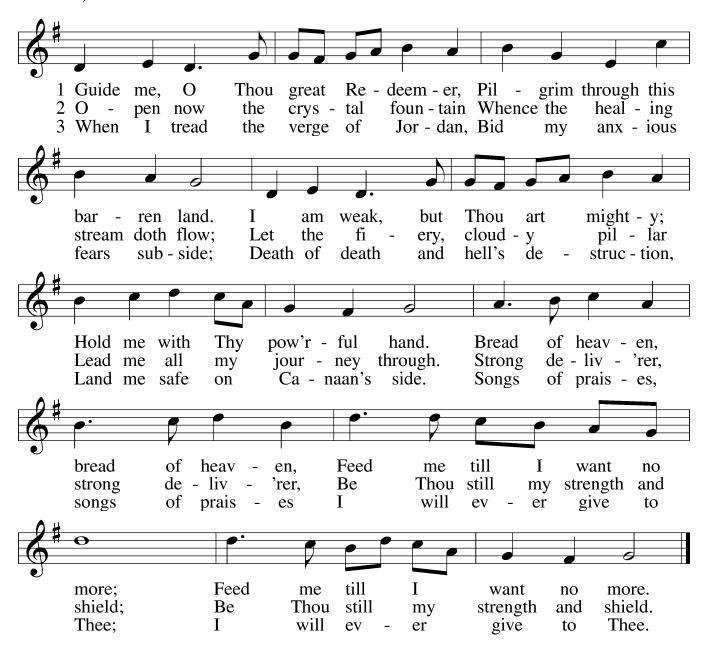
Benediction LSB 202



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



Postlude

"Lead On, O King Eternal!"

Henry V. Gerike