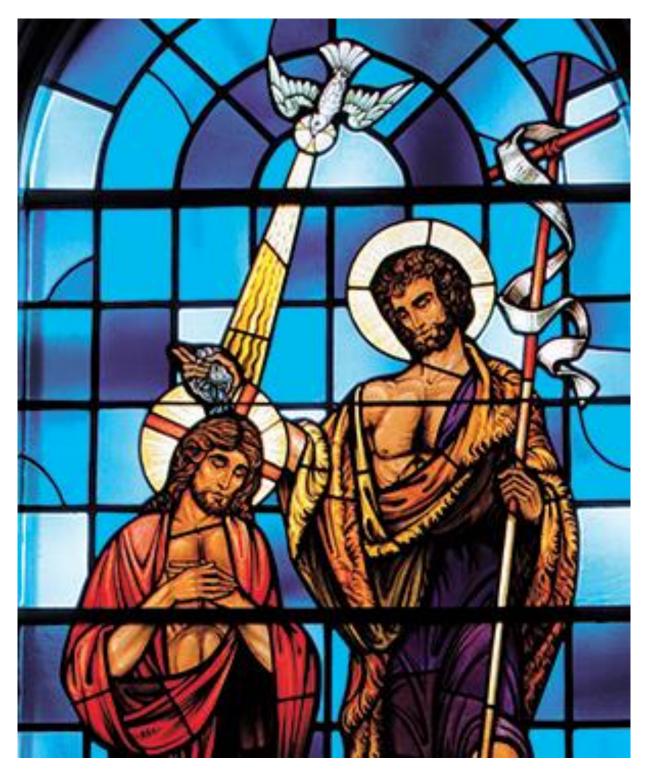
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# Prelude

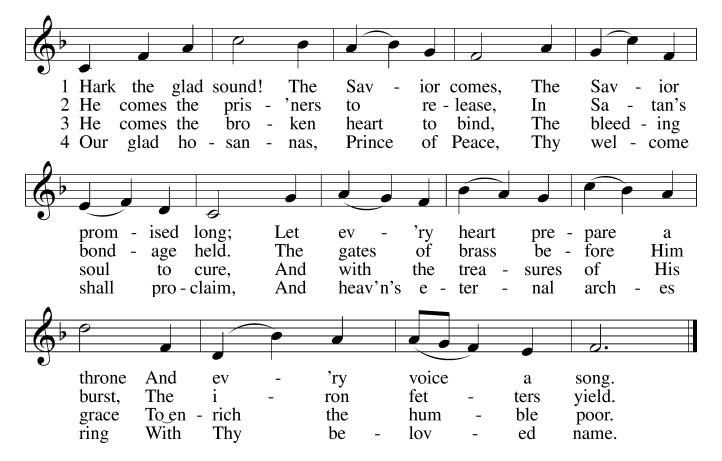
## Announcements

Children's Message

Stand

# **Opening Hymn**

# 349 Hark the Glad Sound



# **Confession and Absolution**

Stand

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

# Invocation

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

#### Exhortation

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- **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.

#### **Confession of Sins**

- **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.

# Absolution

- 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.

Stand

# Service of the Word

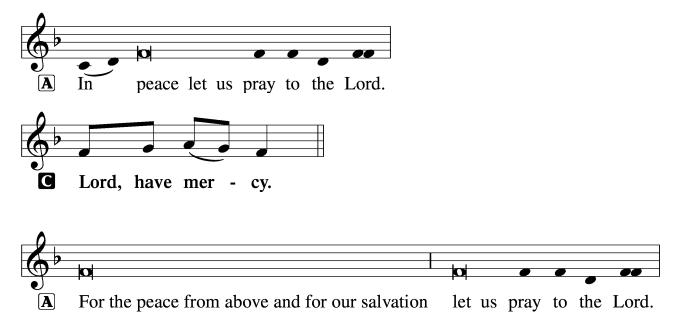
## Introit

Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

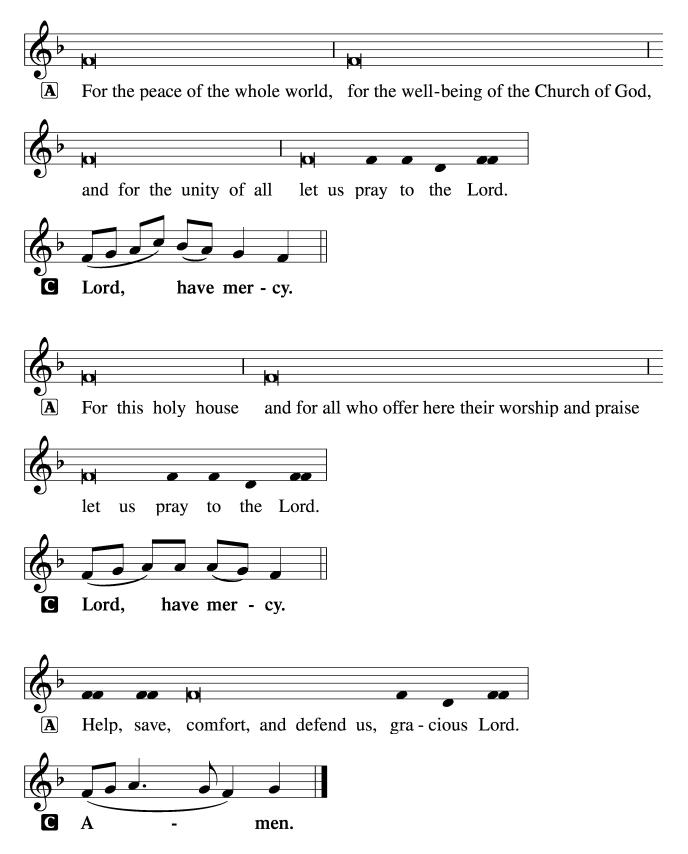
Rejoice in the Lord | always;\* again I will say, Rejoice. I will hope con- | tinually\* and will praise you yet | more and more. My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day,\* for their number is past my | knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD | I will come;\* I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone. O God, from my youth you have | taught me,\* and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me,\* until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all | those to come. 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. Rejoice in the Lord | always;\* again I will say, Rejoice.

## Kyrie

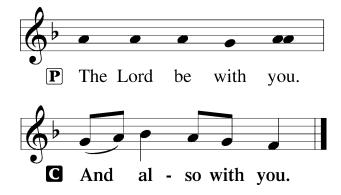
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#### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 35:1–10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert: <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there. but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

## Choir (8:00 a.m.)

"Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God" G.F. Handel

#### Gradual

Psalm 146; antiphon: v. 5

<sup>1</sup>Praise | the LORD!\*
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in | princes,\*

in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- vation.

# <sup>4</sup>When his breath departs he returns | to the earth;\* on that very day his plans | perish.

<sup>5</sup>Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,\* whose hope is in the | LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,\*

who keeps faith for- | ever;

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for | the oppressed,\* who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.\*
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the | righteous.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the | fatherless,\* but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

# <sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign for- | ever,\* your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!

# Gloria Patri

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.

## Epistle

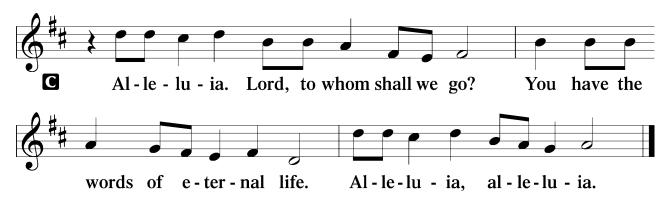
James 5:7–11

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.



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

Stand



**Holy Gospel** 

Matthew 11:2–15

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



<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

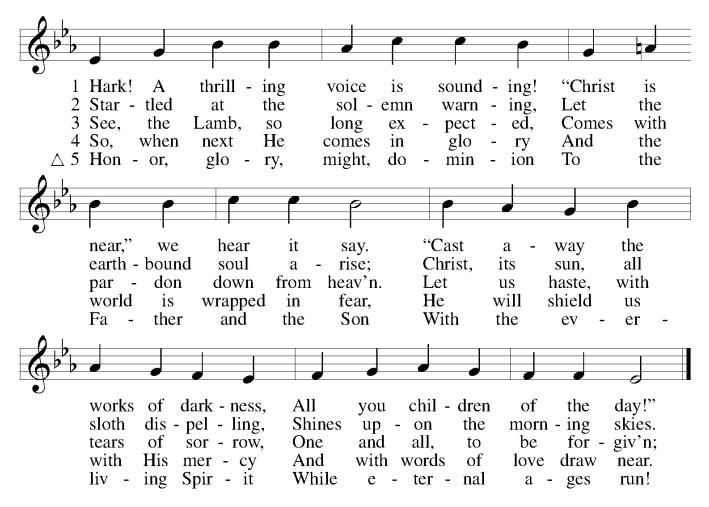
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

#### Hymn of the Day

## 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



#### TITLE OF THE SERMON:

# **"PREPARING OUR HEARTS DURING ADVENT"**

TEXT: Matthew 11:2-15 DATE: 12-11-22 LITURGICAL DAY: 3rd Sunday in Advent

Theme: What is the purpose of Advent for your life?

#### I. JOHN THE BAPTIST - and HIS WORK

#### **II. JESUS THE CHRIST - and HIS WORK**

#### **III. BLESSEDNESS FOR THOSE WHO REMAIN STEADFAST IN FAITH**

#### **CONCLUSION:**

As we approach Christmas, with repentant hearts, we admit that we are blind, lame, leperous, deaf, dead, and poor. But in Jesus' Incarnation and birth at Bethlehem, God has come among us in Word and Sacrament. In the crucified and risen Christ, we now can see, walk, are cured, hear, are raised to life, and have good news preached to us.

Rejoice and do not fall away from Jesus, rather be prepared for the Kingdom of heaven.

#### 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 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!

Stand

#### **Nicene Creed**

C

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. 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.

# PRAYERS OF THE DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

#### In the Hospital OR Receiving Treatments OR Recuperating:

Kandie Darmody, Lindsay Schemm, Jay Gallagher, Scott Miller, Tim Anderson, Greg Wells, Jennifer Weber, Lacey Dickerman,

Mike Schulz, Pam Stevenson, Kristopher Tomlinson, Bill Osborn, Pastor Barrie Henke, Vicar Jonathan Anderson

#### **Bereavement**

Pray for the family of Grace Roley who passed away on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Other Needs as We Pray for:**

\* TLC Church, Early Childhood and Campus Ministries
 \* Thanks for Rain

#### Military Service Members & their Families

Mike Gobble, Emily Shelton, Alex Laffin, Ricardo Bitanga, Danny Greene, Courtney Tate, Eli Wiley **Police and Firefighters** 

#### **Birthdays**

Mary Tucker	12/11
Jackson Merchant	12/12
Mark Gaschler	12/14

<u>Anniversaries</u>		<u>Years</u>
Kevin & Alaina Weber	12/12/2012	10
John & Lauren Campbell	12/17/2016	6

#### **Missions**

Rev. Gary Schuschke serves the Lord through The LCMS in Frankfurt, Germany. Gary serves as the pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, an English-speaking congregation in Frankfurt. He serves the families and members of this congregation who come from all around the world. As a congregation, they reach out to the people of many backgrounds who live and work in the Frankfurt community, sharing with them the Gospel in word and deed.

# 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

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" Wilbur Held

Stand

Offertory



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# Service of the Sacrament

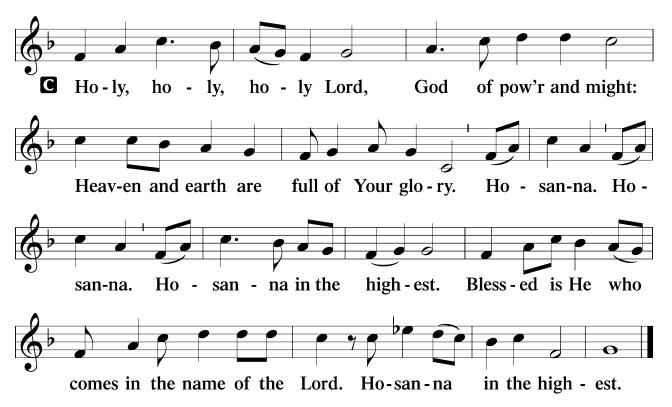
# Preface

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# **Proper Preface (Full)**

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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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.

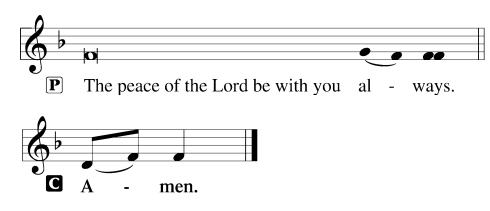
# The Words of Our Lord

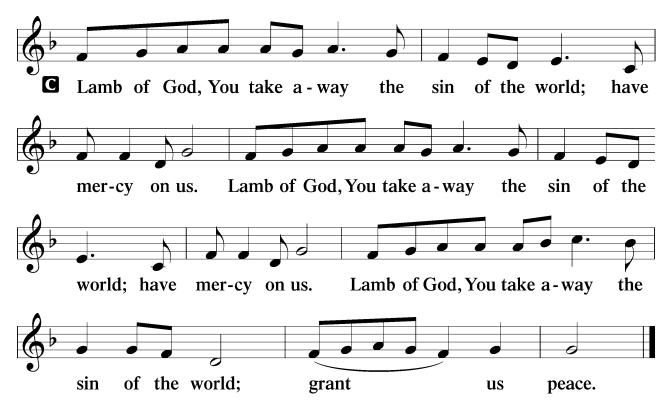
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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:

## Left Column

#### LSB 164

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 Dismissal

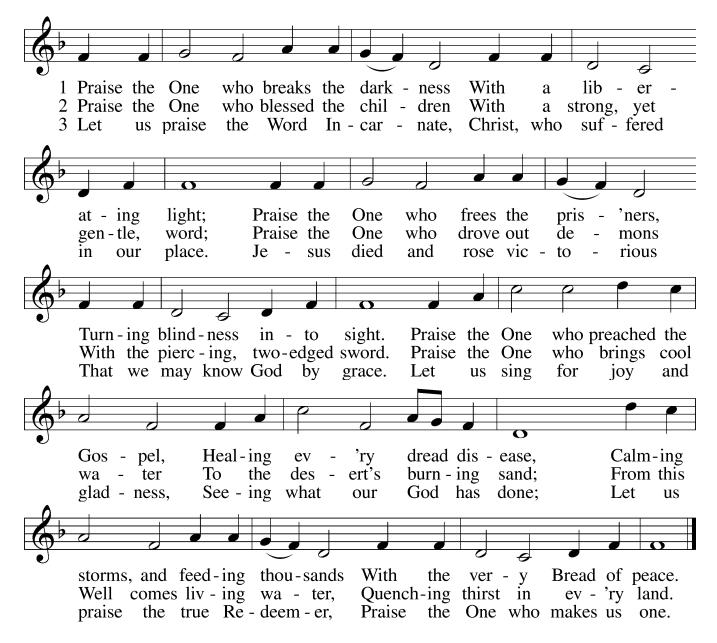
- **C** Amen.

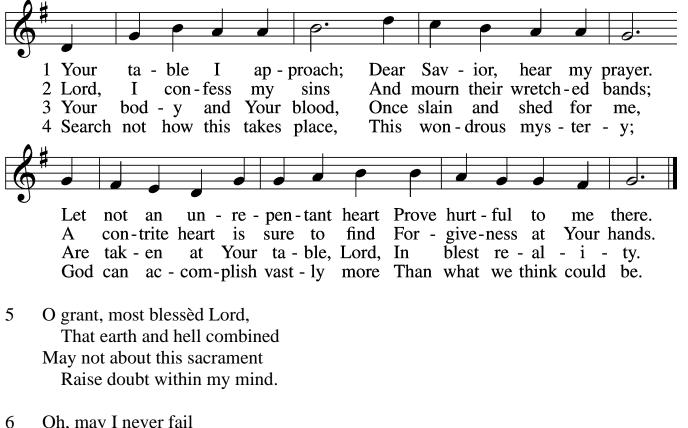
#### **Distribution Hymns**

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



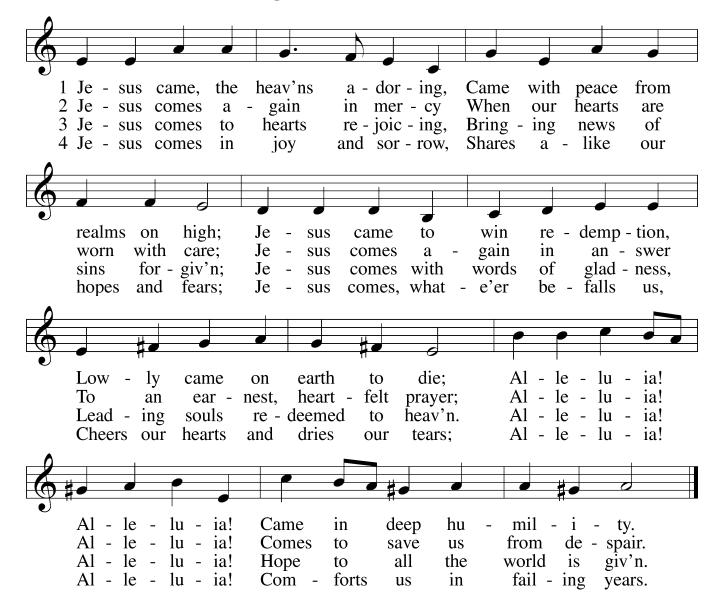
#### 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



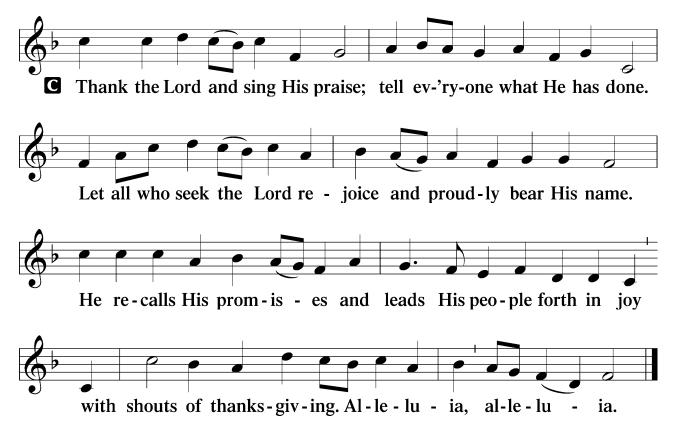


Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



Stand



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

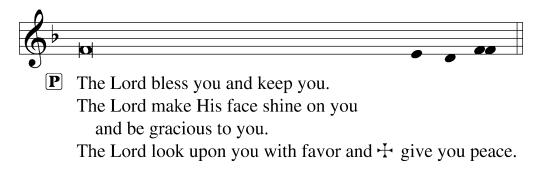
**A** Let us pray.

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.



# Benediction

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**Closing Hymn** 

346 When All the World Was Cursed

1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem - na - tion, He leaped in 2 Be - fore he yet was born, joy - ful meet - ing, 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God That bears the world's trans-gres - sion, 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re - joic - ing, With words of con - so - la - tion. Saint John the Bap - tist came he was greet - ing. Con - fess - ing Him Lord Whose moth - er as Whose sac - ri - fice dev-il's dread op - pres - sion. re - moves The The word pro-claimed by John. Our true re - pen-tance voic - ing, With zeal true fore - run - ner's The great - er One he named. Jor - dan's roll - ing new E - li - jah By stream, Α bold, Who takes a - way our Be hold the Lamb of God, sin, - on our Sav-ior's That glad - ly we may walk Up way And Him, as vet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed. tes - ti - fied of Him whom the proph - ets He Of told: Who for our peace and Will joy full a - tone - ment win. Un - til we live with His day. Him In e - ter - nal

Prelude

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" Harvey E. Hahn