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Divine Service, Setting One

As We Gather

Some of the most memorable portraits of Jesus shared with us by the Gospel writers depict times when He prayed. We remember Him teaching the disciples to pray when He was on the mountain, sharing the heart of His teaching. We have the powerful portrait of Him praying in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He was betrayed. And in John’s Gospel is recorded what is known as the High Priestly Prayer of our Lord. Jesus prayed for His people during His earthly ministry; He continues that praying for us. In his first epistle, John writes that “we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous” (1 John 2:1). There is holy conversation in heaven just as sure as there is holy conversation on earth when we pray!

491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph  
2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual  
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,  
△ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our  
With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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Confession and Absolution

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** 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.

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.

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 27:1a, 4–5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7*

**P** Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*  
be gracious to me and | answer me!

**C** The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;\*  
whom | shall I fear?

**P** 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.

**C** 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.

**P** For my father and my mother have for- | saken me, \*  
but the LORD will | take me in.

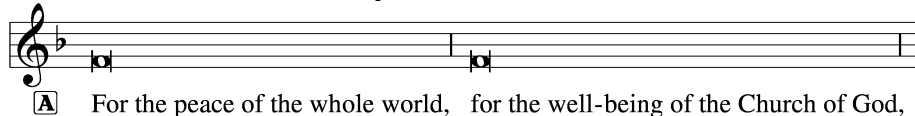
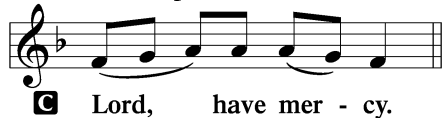
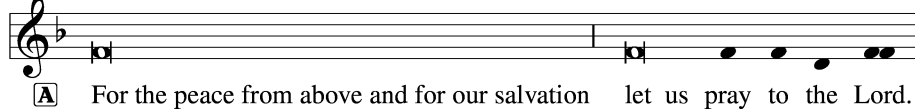
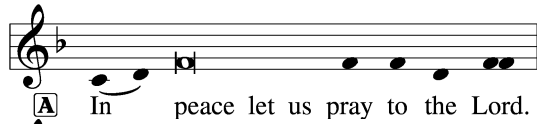
**C** Wait | for the LORD; \*  
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!

**C** 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.

**P** Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud; \*  
be gracious to me and | answer me!

### Kyrie

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**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

**This Is the Feast**

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
  - C** And also with you.
  - P** Let us pray.
- O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“‘Let another take his office.’

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

1 John 5:9–15

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,  
 2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,  
 3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,  
 Δ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,  
 Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.  
 And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.  
 All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
 Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done  
 And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne  
 And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.  
 And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.  
 Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.  
 Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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### Sermon

*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.**

### Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- Lord God, heavenly King, once again You have gathered us before Your presence. Grant that we may dwell in Your house all the days of our lives and gaze upon Your beauty manifested here in Your Word and Sacrament. Graciously hear our prayers as we now inquire in Your temple. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of the Church, You led Your apostles to choose Matthias to replace Judas. Guide Your Church on earth as she calls and chooses men to serve in the apostolic office, that Your Word would continue to grow and bear fruit. Keep these men faithful and bless their ministry. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, our Protector and Savior, look in mercy upon those suffering persecution for the sake of Your name. Many have been forsaken even by father, mother and friend. Take them into Your keeping, hear their cries and do not let them be afraid. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of all nations, since it is Your will that we would pray for all in authority, we believe with confidence that You hear our prayers on behalf of our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges. Teach them the testimony of truth, that they may be wise and effective in their offices. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**
- P** Eternal Father, You have testified that eternal life is given in Your Son and that whoever has Him has life. You also promised that You will hear whatever we ask according to Your will. Hear now our prayers for all who are sick and in distress [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Heal them and give life to all those who hold Your Son in faithful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious God, as we eat and drink our Savior's body and blood, give us Your light and salvation, strong and courageous hearts, and never-failing hope, that we may wait steadfastly for You and Your final deliverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Holy Father, accept the prayers we offer through Your Son, our Savior, and keep us forever in Your name and Word, that we may be one, just as You are one. Sanctify us in the truth; Your Word is truth, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Offertory

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

### Welcome to our Visitors

**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 speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

## Service of the Sacrament

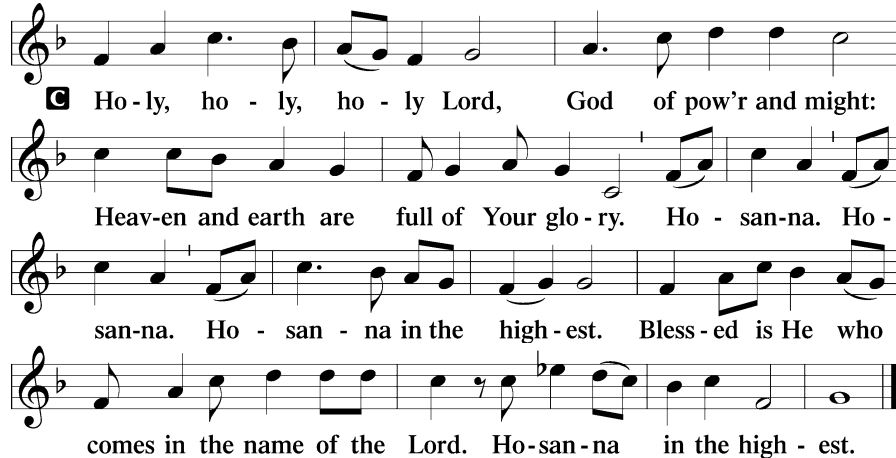
## Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**  
**P** 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, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. 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 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- 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

LSB 162

- 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

**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

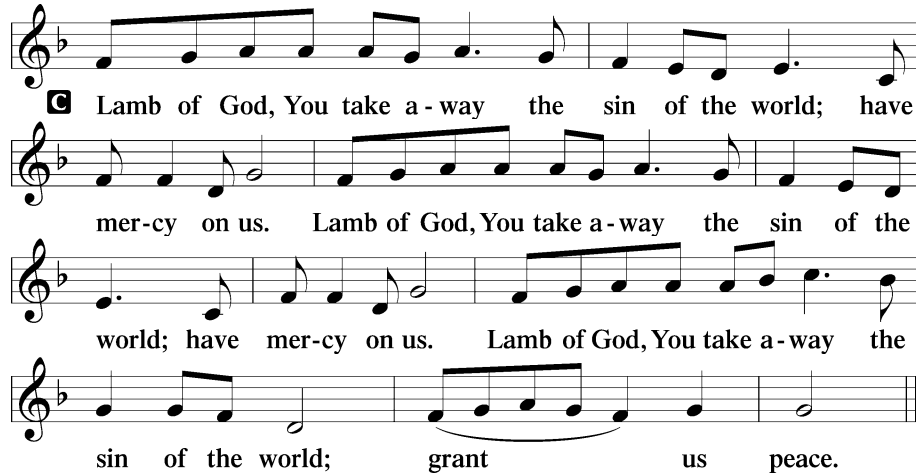
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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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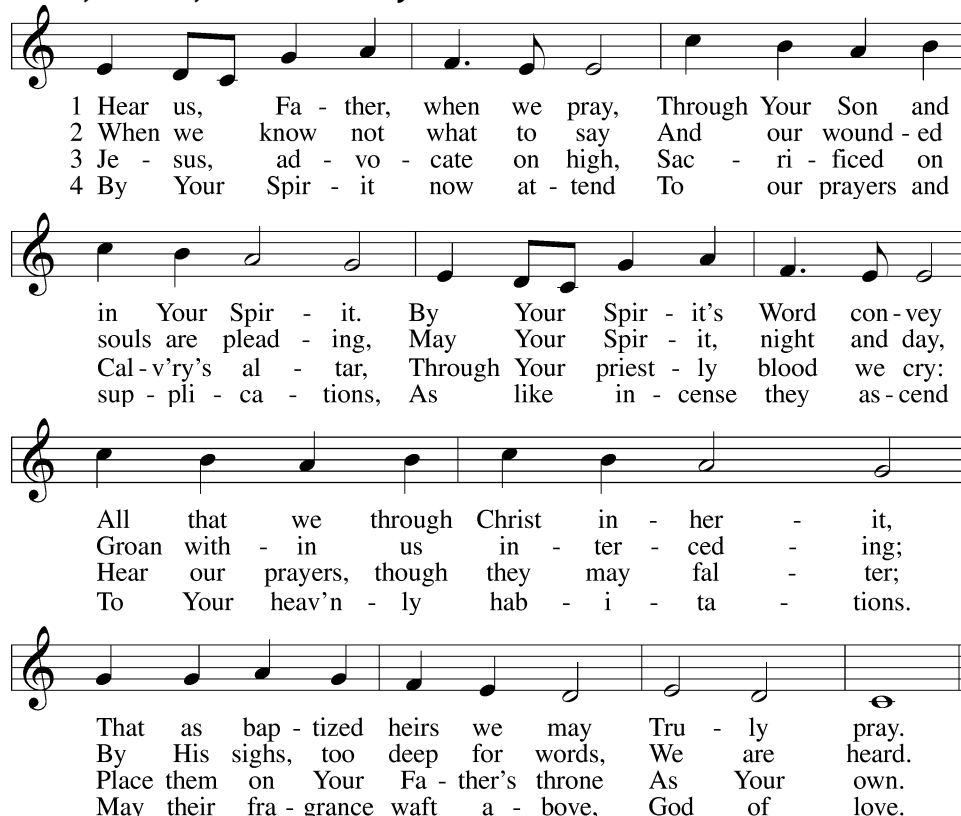


**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### 773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and  
2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed  
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and  
in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con-vey  
souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,  
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend  
All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.  
That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.  
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.  
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.  
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

## 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor

In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -

bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
 love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this

they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!

May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that

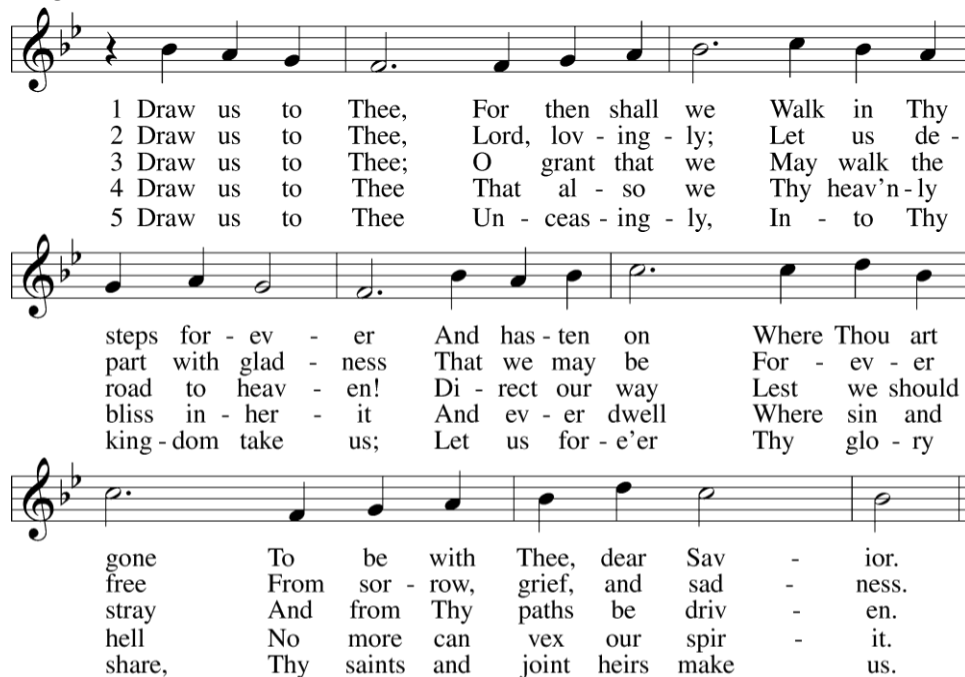
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see

In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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## 701 Draw Us to Thee



1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy  
 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -  
 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the  
 4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly  
 5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy

steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art  
 part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er  
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should  
 bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and  
 king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry

gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.  
 free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.  
 stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.  
 hell No more can vex our spir - it.  
 share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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## Thank the Lord

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.  
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## 650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er dwell - ing In the ho - liest  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er liv - ing As the Church's  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er work - ing Through the Church's  
 realms of light; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing  
 ver - y life; Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing  
 min - is - try; Quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab - solv - ing,  
 O'er a world of gloom and night; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Through us in a cease - less strife; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 Set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free; Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 ev - er rais - ing Those of earth to thrones on high; Liv - ing,  
 ev - er form - ing In the Church the mind of Christ: You we  
 ev - er bind - ing Age to age and soul to soul In com -  
 life - im - part - ing Spir - it, You we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
 praise with end - less wor - ship For Your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
 mu - nion nev - er end - ing, You we wor - ship and ex - tol.

## **Announcements**

**Adult Sunday School** has returned to studying Genesis.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory.

The **Ladies Bible Study** is studying Leviticus on Wednesday morning at 10am.

**Church Council** next meeting is **May 16** at 8am.

**Kaylee Fuller** is graduating High School this year! Her Graduation Party is **May 22 at 3pm**. Please see the information on the bulletin board in the Narthex or contact her mom, Jennifer, for more information.

**Fifth Sunday, May 30!** Get your hymn suggestions to Pastor Huston by **May 23**.

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