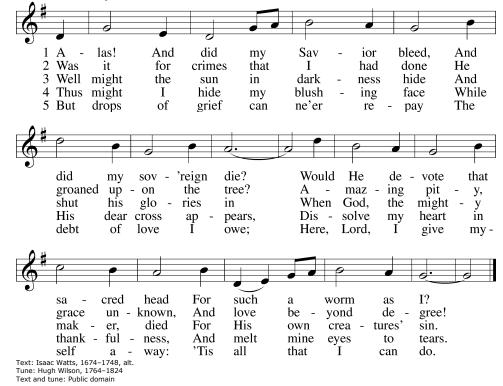


As We Gather

Today we hear the apostle Paul proclaim something rather odd: that we can rejoice in our sufferings. Paul says this because—as he tells us—suffering produces endurance, endurance produces character, character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame because our hope is in Jesus who died and is risen for us and our reconciliation and peace. That is something to rejoice in!

### 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



## **Confession and Absolution**

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.
- $\mathbf{P}$  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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

- Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\* for they have been | from of old.
- C You who fear the LORD, trust | in the LORD!\* He is their help | and their shield.
- The LORD has remembered us; he will | bless us;\* he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of | Aaron;
- he will bless those who | fear the LORD,\*
   both the small | and the great.
   P We will | bless the LORD\*
- from this time forth and forevermore. | Praise 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.
- Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\* for they have been | from of old.

## Kyrie

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

**R** The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 17.

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you....

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle

**R** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 5.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

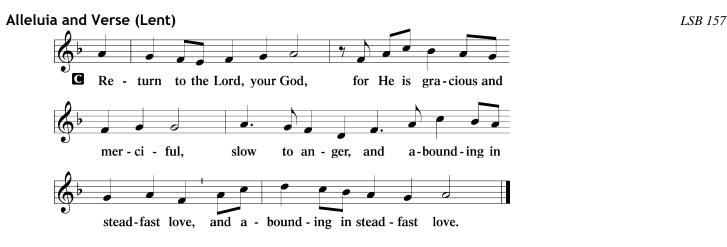
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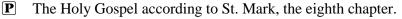
**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



#### Holy Gospel





■ <sup>27</sup>And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup>And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup>And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." <sup>30</sup>And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup>And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

<sup>34</sup>And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup>For what can a man give in return for his life? <sup>38</sup>For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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



708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart pray Thee, ne'er from 1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and 3 Lord, let A - br'ham's bos - om at last Thine an - gels come, To With ten - der mer - cy de - part, cheer me. Earth me all Ι ĥave In this poor life of la bor. Lord, bear me home, That Ι may die un fear ing; And P Ι no plea-sure would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were has place May glo - ri - fy Thy grant that I in ev - 'ry bod - y safe in nar - row cham - ber keep My its in void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near And should my me. lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh bor. Let no false peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear And then from ing. heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake. doc - trine me be-guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file. death a wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see, Thou the por tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious art pa -Give strength and un - to То bear my tience me glo - rious 0 Son of God, Thy face, My Sav - ior blood my soul has bought. Lord Je -Christ, my God and sus cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je sus Christ, my God and and my fount of grace. Lord Je sus Christ, my prayer at trust Thy Word. Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! Ι Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford. tend, my prayer at - tend, And Ι will praise Thee with - out end. Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Zwey Bücher . . . Tabulatur, 1577, Strassburg Text and tune: Public domain

#### Sermon

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#### **Nicene Creed**

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. 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 holk for the resummation of the dead

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For all Christians, that the Holy Spirit might enable us to deny our selves, take up our crosses and follow Christ through this troubled life into heaven, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For the Church, that all servants of the Church may fulfill the ministries committed to them, and that we may each boldly confess Christ before the world, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For faith and perseverance, that we might neither shun our Lord's suffering nor our own, and that we might be delivered out of the hand of the wicked and redeemed from the grasp of the ruthless, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ For all families, that even as God blessed and multiplied Abraham, all mothers with child might be protected and all fathers equipped to lead and raise their households in the fear and love of God, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

- That the Lord, to whom belongs all kingship and rule over the nations, would bless Joseph, our president, and those who govern to rule wisely and in accord with His will, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- P For [\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all in need of healing and restoration, that they may bear their crosses and endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That the Lord would deepen our hunger for His table through our afflictions, that we may eat and drink Christ's body and blood and be satisfied with Christ's saving life, let us pray to the Lord:

## **C** Lord, have mercy.

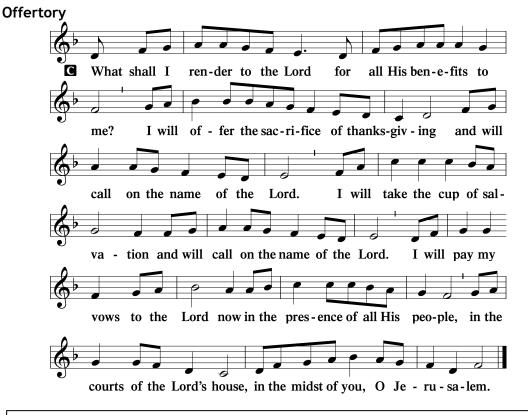
P Heavenly Father, receive our praise this day for St. Peter and his confession that Jesus is the Christ. We rejoice that Your Son builds His Church upon this rock and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. Keep us in this faith all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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C Amen.
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## Offering

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#### 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; and 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

## Service of the Sacrament

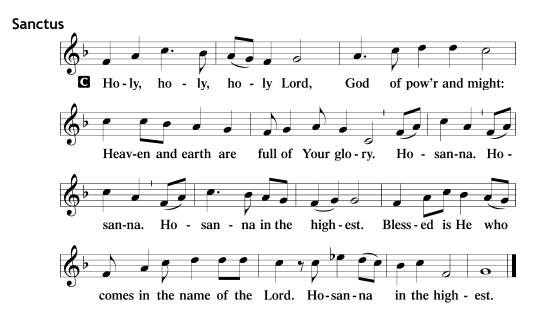
## Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- С

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.
- ▶ 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 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:



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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,

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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

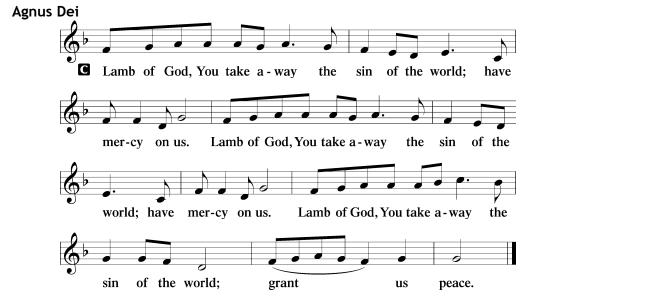
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

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

**C** Amen.



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#### Distribution

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617 O Lord, We Praise Thee 10 Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee, 2 Thy ho - ly bod \_ У in to death was giv - en, 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor fore Thee. Thou with Thy In thanks - giv - ing bow be \_ great - er Life to win for us in heav en. No \_ That we fol - low Christ our Sav \_ ior And live to ø Thy blood didst nour - ish bod - y and Our weak souls that to Thee could bind us; May love than this feast there this geth - er here love and u - nion Nor de - spise this in • 0 • 0 they may flour ish: 0 Lord, have mer cy! of re - mind us! Ο Lord, have mer cy! blest Com - mu Ο Lord, have mer nion! cy! \_ That May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar our V, Lord, Thy con - strain Thee kind - ness did so That Thy Let not Thy good Spir it for - sake us; Grant that -0 0 sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our And Thy blood for us plead Thou hast paid; debt heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see 0 0 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 n Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 14th cent.; (sts. 2-3): Martin Luther, 1483-1546 Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110017219 O Lord, have mer cy!

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685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Je - sus, Fol - low 1 Let us ev - er walk with His ex suf - fer 2 Let us here with Je - sus And with pa - tience 3 Let us death He glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by 4 Let al - so live with Je - sus. us He has ris - en 0 Through a world that would de-ceive us am - ple pure, And to bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad-ness; Where He con - quered death, He will free us from de-struc-tion, Give to That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, from the dead lure. On - ward in His foot-steps tread-ing, sin our spir - its is no Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, is, there loss. us im - mor-tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem-bers; 0 grims here, Pil of faith and home a - bove, Full our We shall reap ce les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts -That would lead And the grave that us in - to sin; Where You live, we shall be Your pres - ence there In hope and love, Fa-ther's bid-ding. Let us do the Faith - ful that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus, shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav-en. Je - sus, con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus, shall fol - low Lord, with me a - bide; Ι where You guide. here I share Your woe; Help me there Your know. joy to here with You Ι die, There to live with You on high. let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me. Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978, alt. Tune: Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent. Text: © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110017219

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#### Stand

**Nunc Dimittis** 





#### **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**

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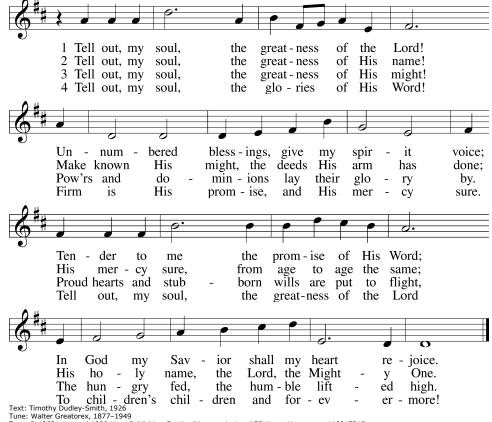
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.

#### 935 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord



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#### Announcements

Adult Sunday School at 9am on Sunday mornings is studying Leviticus.

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

The Ladies Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10am, studying the book of 2 Samuel.

Church Council next meeting is Mar 17 at 8am.

Lenten Services are Feb 28, Mar 6, 13, & 20 with dinner at 6:30pm & service at 7pm

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