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Divine Service Setting 3
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WELCOME!

We are so glad you are joining us for worship service this morning. We call it a “service” because it is God Who serves us with His gifts through His Word. Our speaking, singing, and prayers are our grateful response to His goodness. We invite you to receive grace with us and to join us in praising His goodness.

We invite guests, members and visitors to fill out an attendance card found in your pew and place it in the offering plate. These help us to get to know you and serve you better. Please feel free to share only the information you are comfortable sharing!

We are blessed to have children worship with us. Your children’s faith and childlike behavior are welcome here. Please feel free to bring your child up during communion for a blessing. If, for any reason, you wish to take your child outside of the sanctuary, our nursery and narthex are equipped with speakers or a monitor so that you don’t miss any of the service.

If you’re unfamiliar with the way we worship, there’s no need to feel self-conscious. We’re glad you’re here. If you have questions about God, who we are, or what we do, every person wearing a name tag is fair game for your questions. If they can’t answer your question, we’ll find someone who will!

Blessings on your worship!

LORD’S SUPPER

We will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper at this gathering. In this meal, we receive forgiveness of sins in Jesus’ body and blood in simple bread and wine. This meal is an expression of our communion with Christ and with one another. This is a celebration we receive joyfully but take very seriously.

While we celebrate the very real unity all Christians share in Christ (Ephesians 4:4-6), this meal is also an act of our common confession. If you have not yet been instructed in the Lord’s Supper or hold to a different confession than this congregation or the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we ask that you speak to the pastor before the service begins. Those who will not be communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, simply indicate your needs to the pastor or elder at the communion rail.

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

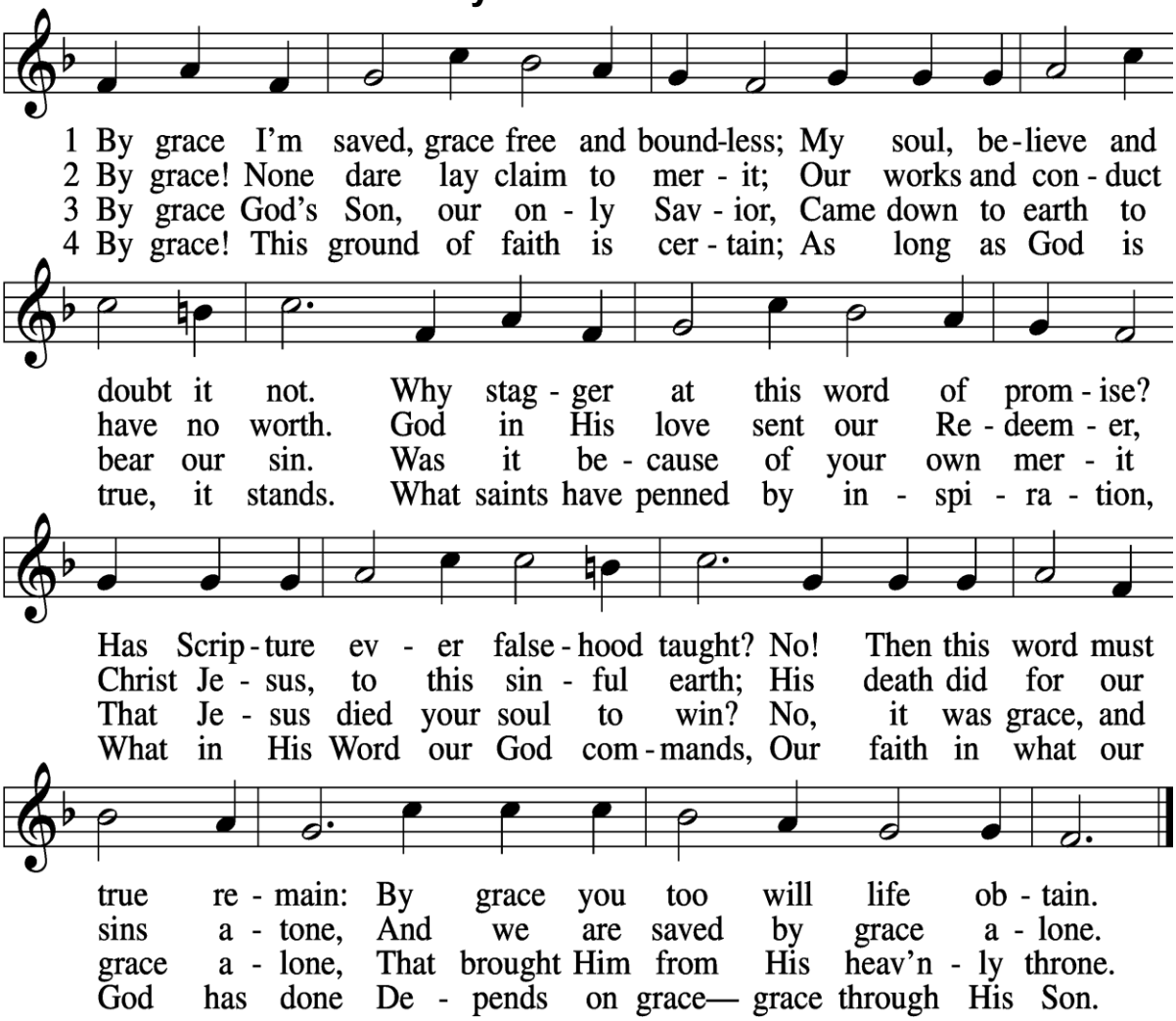
Pastor . . . Micah Drengler
Elder . . . Michael Marks
Altar Care . . . Glenda Letsinger
Greeter . . . Liz Blake
Accompanist . . . Jolene Stadel
Acolyte . . . Wyatt Pritchett
Projection . . . Jonathan Outlaw, John Trenbeath, Kelly Smith
Reader . . . Kim Marks
Ushers . . . John Zindt & Ted Mitchell
Counters . . . Kelly Smith & Kim Marks

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

Gracious God, make us willing to carry out whatever You intend for our congregation and for each of us as followers of Christ. As our daily lives unfold, grant us insight into Your purposes. Walk beside us and lead us into deeper wisdom and knowledge of You through Your word. May what we offer in worship this day be pleasing to You, O Lord. We ask this in the name of Jesus. AMEN

OPENING HYMN

LSB 566 By Grace I'm Saved v. 1-4



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INVOCATION (LSB 184)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✞ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: 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.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

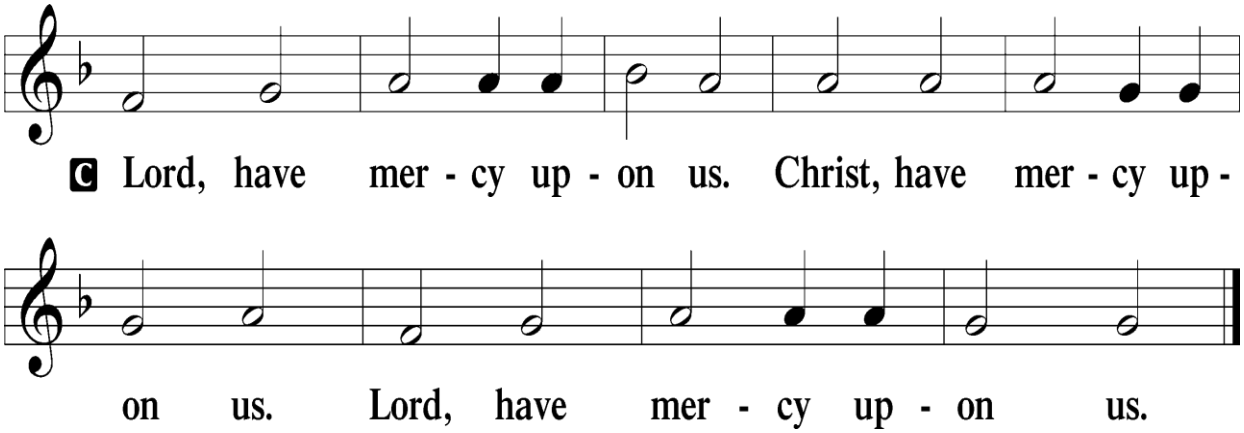
Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your 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.

Pastor: 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.
People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

✝SERVICE OF THE WORD✝

KYRIE (LSB 186)



Gloria In Excelsis (LSB 187)

Salutation and Collect of the Day (LSB 189)

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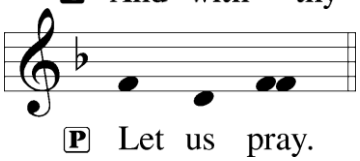
People:

Pastor: 

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:

Please be seated

✞ WORD ✞

Old Testament Reading ***Isaiah 55:6–9***

6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked
forsake his way, unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may
have compassion on him, and the and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For
my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle ***Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30***

12 I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to
advance the gospel, 13 so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial
guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. 14 And most of the brothers,
having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to
speak the word without fear. . . . 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help of
the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, 20 as it is my eager
expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as

always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. [21]For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. [22]If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. [23]I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. [24]But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. [25]Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, [26]so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. [27]Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, [28]and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. [29]For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, [30]engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Please stand for the singing of the Alleluia.

ALLELUIA (LSB 190)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

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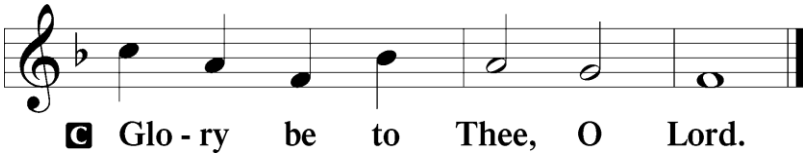
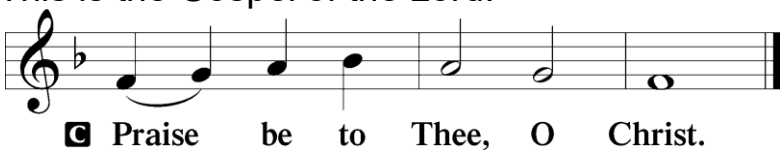


Holy Gospel ***Matthew 20:1–16***

[1][Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. [2]After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. [3]And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, [4]and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ [5]So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. [6]And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ [7]They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ [8]And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ [9]And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received

a denarius. [10]Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. [11]And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, [12]saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ [13]But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14]Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. [15]Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ [16]So the last will be first, and the first last.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: 

✞WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER✞

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✞ everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

SERMON HYMN

LSB 555 Salvation Unto Us Has Come v. 1-4

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SERMON

Please stand

OFFERTORY (LSB 192)

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:
Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

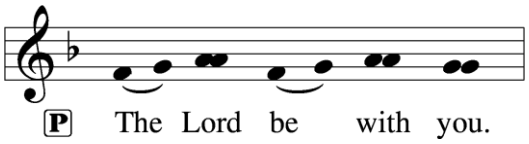
(The prayers conclude)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: Amen.

✞SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✞

PREFACE (LSB 194)

Pastor:



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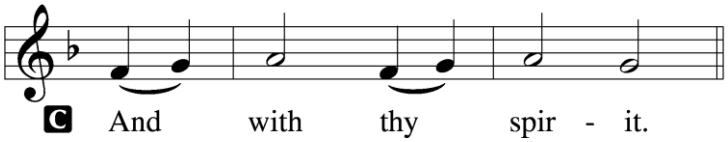

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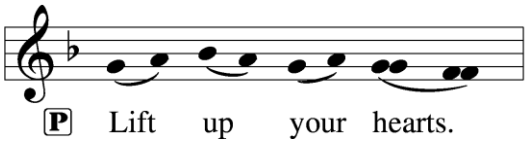

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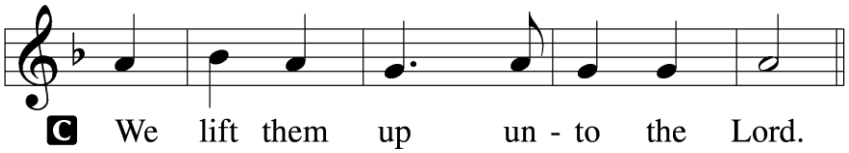

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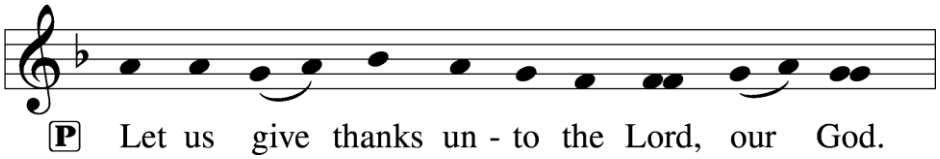

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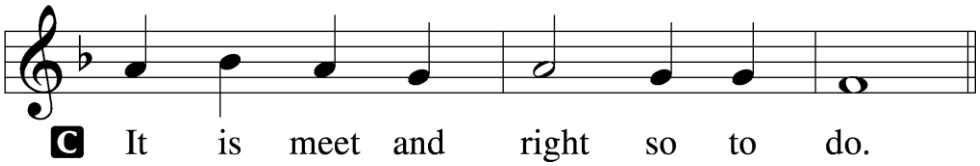
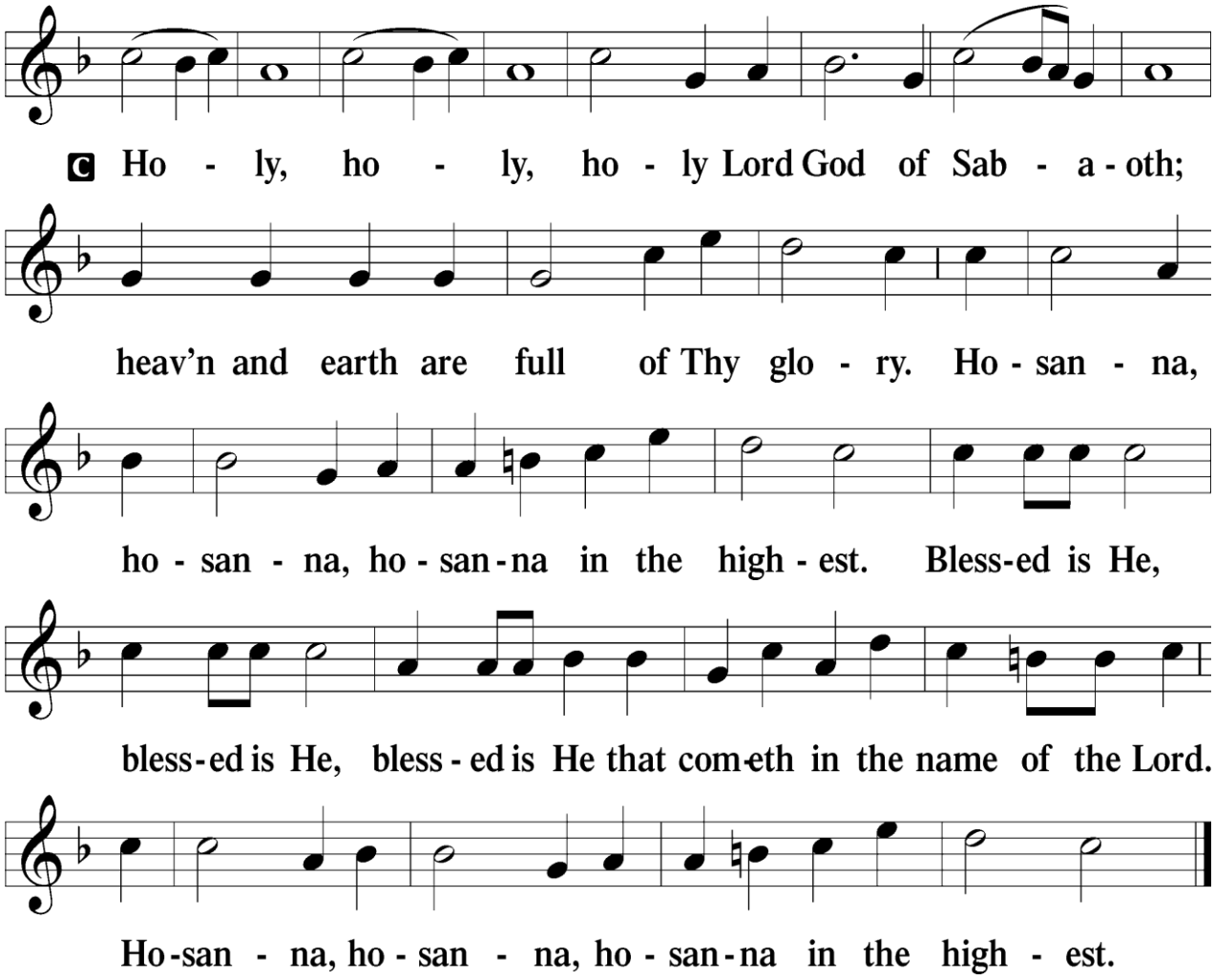


Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (LSB 195)



LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: **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 (LSB 197)

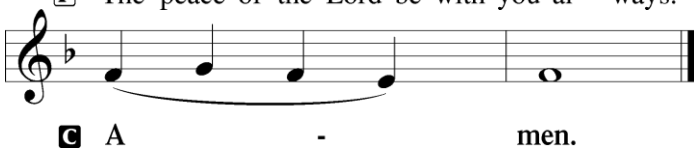
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✞ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

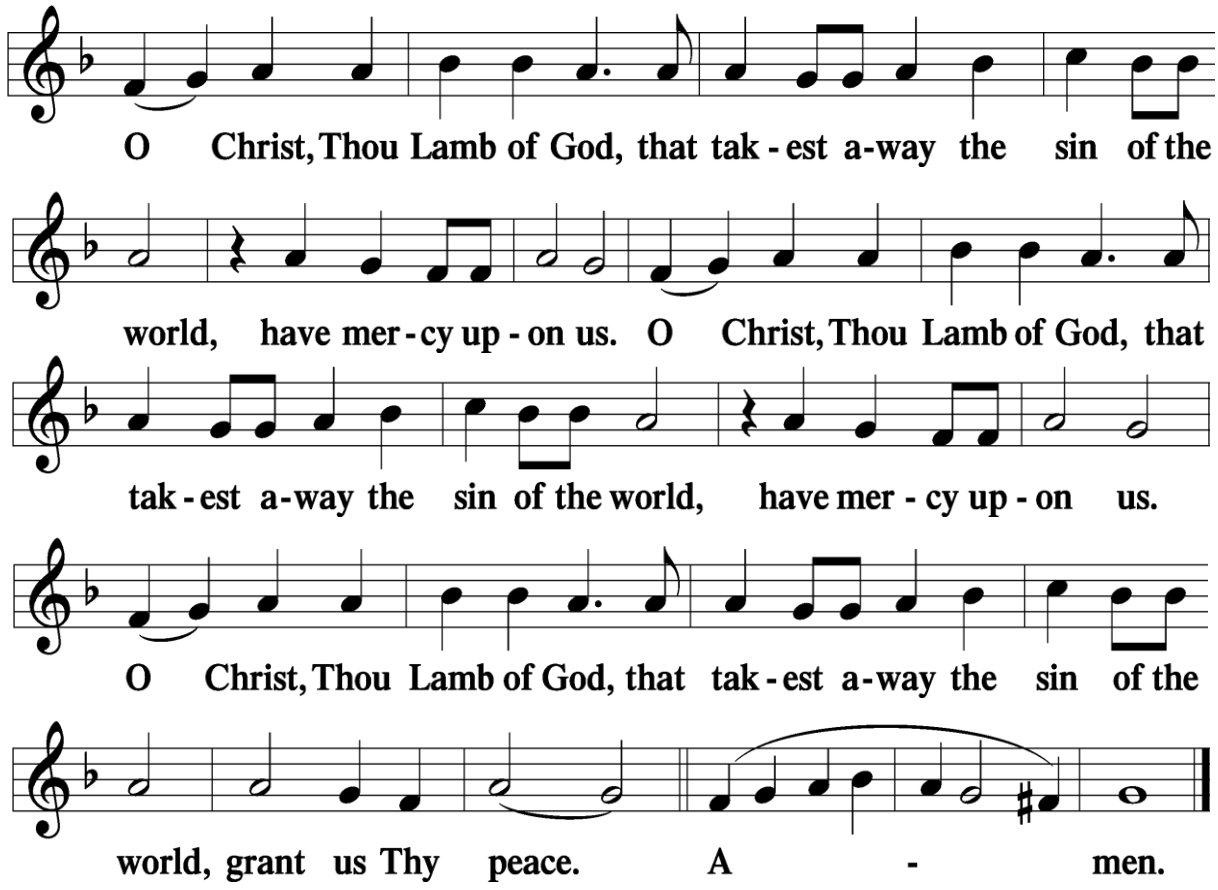
PAX DOMINI (LSB 197)

Pastor:

People:



AGNUS DEI (LSB 198)



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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 894 For the Fruits of His Creation
LSB 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
LSB 789 Praise and Thanksgiving
LSB 589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

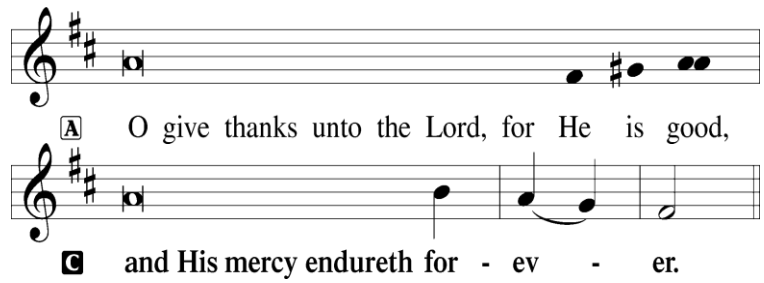
Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS(LSB 199)

THANKSGIVING (LSB 200)

Pastor:

People:



Pastor: 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.

People:

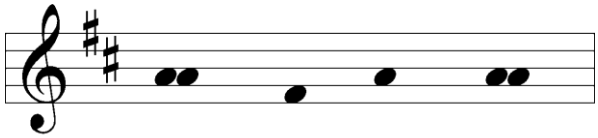
SALUTATION

Pastor:

People:

BENEDICAMUS (LSB 202)

Pastor:



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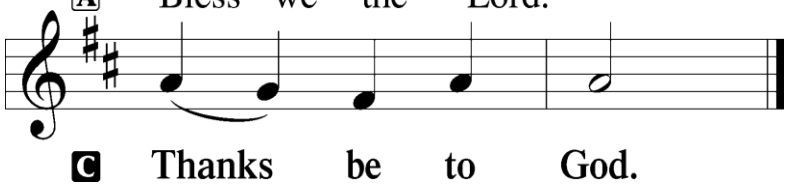


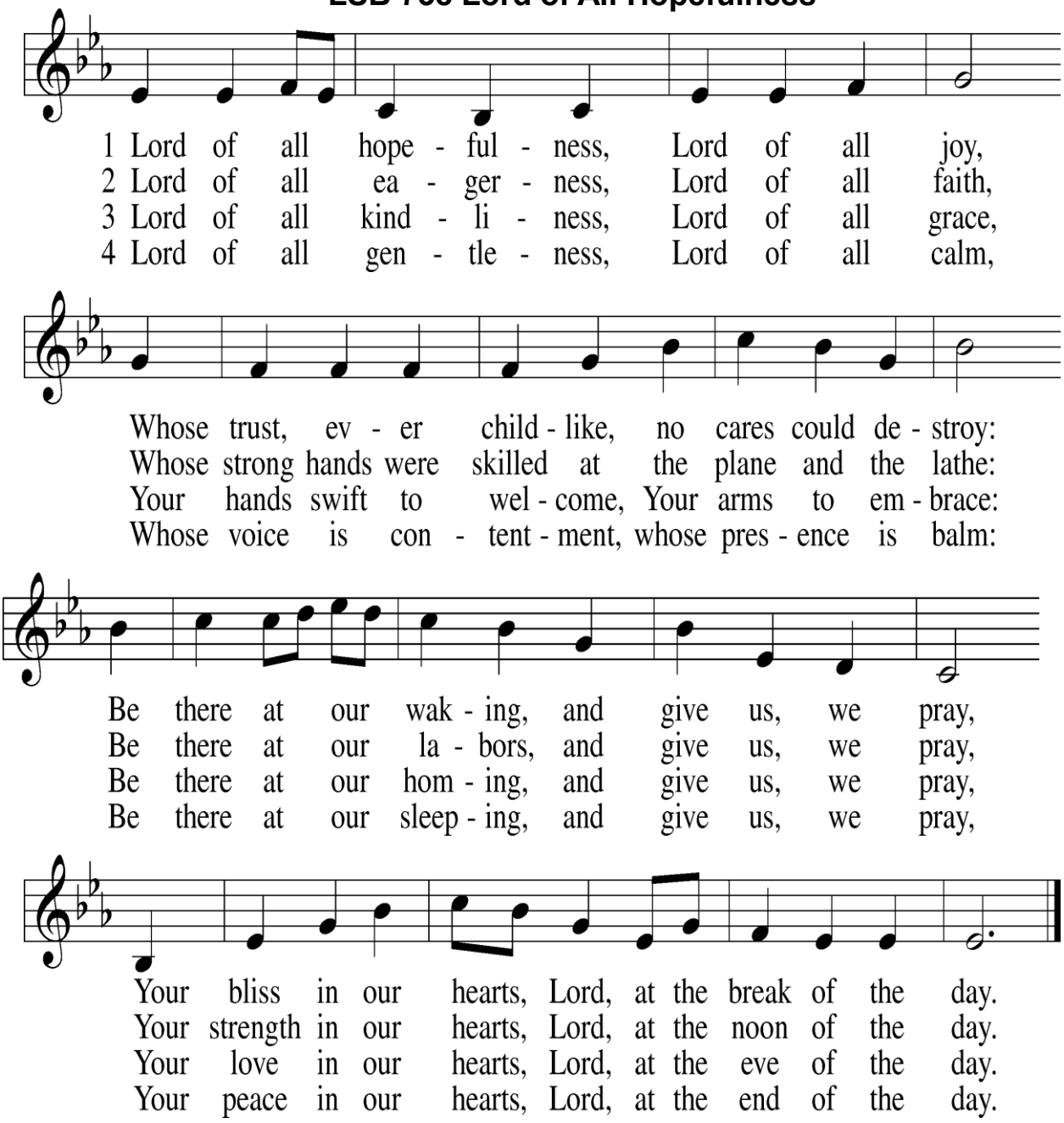
BENEDICTION (LSB 202)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✞ give you peace.

People:

CLOSING HYMN

LSB 738 Lord of All Hopefulness



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